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THE GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

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PRINCIPLES.—Total abstinence, by life-long pledges, and the absolute prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors.

POLICY.—Broad, allowing Lodges to act according to locality, time, and circumstances.

BASIS.—Non-beneficiary, the object being to do good, rather than receive benefit.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.—A small Entrance Fee and Quarterly Subscription.

ELIGIBILITY.—Both sexes are admitted and are eligible for office.

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DICK SILLY:

A BAND OF HOPE BOY'S STORY.

BY THE REV. WILLIAM ISAAC KEAY, P.D.D., TRINIDAD.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

DISPOSAL OF THE CHARACTERS WHO HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART IN THE STORY IN A VERY SUMMARY MANNER. THE WEDDING; SOME ACCOUNT NOT ONLY OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES BUT ALSO OF THE SPECTATORS. AMIDST A SHOWER OF OLD SHOES THE CURTAIN FALLS.

The custom that would compel an author to give some concluding notice of all his *dramatis personæ*, or even of the chief among them, is so unreasonable that we should not have thought of following it even if we could; but impossibility in our case adds an additional reason, able to stand against all argument to the contrary. We have all met many persons at various periods of our lives who were known to us for a short, or it may be for some considerable, time, and even exercised some influence upon us, good or bad; but they passed from our sight, and we do not care to hear any more of some of them if we could, and others we couldn't hear of again if we would; their lives and ours have diverged irrevocably; thus must the reader be content to be treated so far as the ordinary characters in this story are concerned; they are past, and he has done with them; of a few only, being those who have occupied the principal part of our space, whether telling of their good or evil conduct, do we intend to make further mention at all,—and these only in a very limited way. The first of whom it will be well to dispose is the sentenced convict; the sharp, clever, shrewd, but unscrupulous clerk, the respectable and prudent *debauchee*, the blackleg, gamester and sportsman, at last the convicted felon; he was not a man who had altered much for many a year, though he had developed much; rascal, villain, fiend, were the words to describe his life almost since he attained manhood, only at last he came within the reach of the law; and that made his character plain to everyone. What part intoxicating drinks played in enabling him to become what he was, may be gathered from the statements extracted from his confession towards the end of the last chapter; and for a man to continue to be what he was and find pleasure in so being without the baneful influence—exciting, benumbing, soothing in turn—of intoxicating liquors we believe to be impossible. He was sentenced, as formerly stated, to 10 years' penal servitude; but of nine months of that period only have we any certain account. After maintaining a sulky sort of silence for the first few weeks of his convict life, he began to behave with praiseworthy propriety, being diligent in the task appointed him, and having the outward appearance of contented resignation. At the end of three quarters of a year he escaped in the company of another, whose crime was burglary with violence, and whose penal term was twice his own. The manner of eluding the vigilance of his keepers was both clever and daring. He was never captured. He was traced, it was alleged, to the Australian bush, and then the pursuit was abandoned. Some would identify him with a celebrated bushranger whose deeds of rapine and cruelty appalled the hearts of the entire neighbourhood, whose name was very uncertainly reported, but whom the natives called Nibboo; if that were not he then his person and name sank out of public sight, as, indeed, he deserved that they should. If the reader can join us in saying, "Peace be with him," so be it.

The wedding next demands our attention. Great preparations were made on the morning of the day appointed, which being also the commemoration was, of course, a holiday at the works. Almost everbody seemed astir. They were hanging about in groups all over the place, male and female, old, middle-aged, and young. The children were carrying about extemporaneous flags, cheering a good deal and generally having a good day's play out of it. The adults clustered about in all sorts of positions, lying on the ground, standing at the corners, sitting on the doorsteps, leaning out of the windows, and all or at least a great many of their tongues going, the wedding or some cognate subject being the principal topic of discourse. Not being near enough any group to reproduce the talk we may be pretty safe to say that the men chatted about it, the young women gossiped about it, and the old women of both sexes croaked about it. As morning passed into forenoon the crowd increased, reaching quite along the route the carriages would take to church. All parts of the churchyard, and especially both sides of the walk from the principal gate to the porch, were occupied by a mass of interested spectators, uncomfortably numerous, not only the neighbourhood but quite distant metropolitan quarters contributed their quota of persons more or less interested in the coming event. Then there was the casual loafer here and there visible, always ready to make one at a crowd and assist at fun or mischief as occasion may determine. Early in the forenoon, too, a large printed notice on the church-gates, "Beware of pickpockets!" gave us to understand that the local police had become aware that some members of the light-fingered fraternity had added their presence to the assembly.

The bridegroom was the first person of importance who arrived on the scene. He came very unostentatiously in a one-horse conveyance, which was closed. He seemed a little nervous as he stepped into the porch, for he hastened into the building without turning even to look at the crowd. Soon after came the groom's man, Mr. Poppy, followed by various clerks, then came the manager of the works, who, as he was much liked by the workmen, received a hearty cheer the moment he was recognised. Then a close carriage and pair drove up and deposited the rector of the parish and Mr. Walter, returning immediately to the house of the Strongmans, from thence it re-appeared in due time with the Rev. Joseph Barron and Miss Goodspell, the rector's daughter, who was to be bridesmaid. We may here mention that Mr. Barron's wife (for like St. Peter, he was himself a married man) would have been present but for sudden illness. As this carriage returned for the second time, and the hour fixed for the ceremony had fully arrived, the excitement of the crowd was getting to a very high pitch, when the same vehicle again came in sight, and this time *open*, and within it were the bride and her father. The cheers began far down the road, and when the people near the gate saw what was coming, they took up the strain, so that by the time the parties stepped out of the carriage it was a mighty shouting indeed; it was simply deafening as the figures of father and daughter disappeared within the sacred edifice, which was crammed to the door, the shouters without indulged themselves with a short vacation, and were quiet. During the ceremony it may not be amiss to notice a few persons in the crowd without.

Just outside the gate at which the carriages entered was a substantial business-looking cart, like those used by shopkeepers for the delivery of goods; within it was seated a very stout elderly female who seemed hot and not very comfortable. The people crowded all about her cart, to the no small annoyance of the horse, which, though town-bred, and therefore accustomed to a great deal of bustle, did not seem to enjoy the thing at all. Besides the large female, was another of much smaller, even diminutive, build, and a little crooked in the figure. A smart-looking man now joined them, and stood near the horse's head. He had been at the church porch, and had worked his way back to the party we have been describing. It will be scarcely necessary to announce Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard, and the two women, his mother and spouse.

"You was disappointed, mother, at not seein' him; but it'll be all right when he comes back, for the carriage is open, and he'll drive back with the bride; and we'll have a real good sight here, mother, much better'n in there."

"That's right, Nat; I believe we're best up here; I'm too old for crowds myself; and Sally 'ud not be much among a noisy lot like them is, any more than me. Did you see him at all, Nat!"

"No, mother; I didn't look for him; I knows *him* well enough, it was *her* I went for to see."

The maternal Hubbard was evidently innocent enough to be unaware that difference of sex causes also some difference in the lines on which curiosity runs.

"What matters her, boy," said she; "no doubt she be a fine lady and all that, but she's nowt to us; it's him I thinks of."

"No doubt, mother; and it was on his account that I looked to see *her*."

"But, Nat, only think what a man he's got. He's been a partner this while back; and now he's married into the concern; and *our* Dick, think o' that, that poor folk like us helped to make him what he is."

"Little things, mother, is often of great use. Our vicar, some Sundays ago, was speaking about Pharoah's daughter picking the Hebrew infant out of the water, him that was to be the great Lawgiver, Moses; and he said that an old English villosophy—I think that's what he called it——"

"Philosopher, Nat; you never do get big words right; I wish I'd left you longer at school; and it's *he* not *it*; for a philosopher is a man of learning."

"Well, mother, I'm not a man of learning, and never deceived nobody by sayin' I was. Still I can read and write my own letters, and make out my accounts except a difficulty I have in addin' up ha'pence and farthins, and I gives them to Sally now;—but to get back to the velocipede——"

"Let him go on," said the mother, helplessly, as Sally, otherwise Mrs. Nat, was about to set him right.

"He said God often hangs the greatest weights upon the smallest wires. Lives turns upon the triffinest things you ever saw. Now I thinks back, mother, what were the turnin' pint in our Dick's life? I've 'eard him say hiself it was learnin' to

be teetotal. And how did he do that? We taught him. But how did we come for to teach him?"

"By meeting him in that square, Nat——"

"No, mother, your nearly always right; but I think he might have gone out of that square without our saying a word to him or he to us, but my hat blew off, and he brought it back: now it seems to me the little thing that did it all was the puff of wind; all we see here comed out o' that, and as the wind wasn't ours, I don't think we done much of t, mother, after all."

"Well, well, Nat it's very hot, and they'll soon be out, and we must have a proper sight; and, Sally, give me out my white pocket hanky to wave like, as they passes."

Whereupon the daughter-in-law dutifully unfolded a very ample square of white material which the matron clutched in her hand to be in readiness.

Up towards the church porch there was an occasional heaving in the mass who were closely wedged together. This sort of movement gave an opportunity to a persevering person to get forward by degrees. One such had made steady progress towards the front rank. As he neared it he tapped a lame-looking man on the shoulder, who, looking round, said, "Ah! he that you, neighbour? scarcely 'xpect to see you here!"

"Same to you, Bill; it's the last thing I looked for."

"Pleasure's double when you're not lookin' for it, as the dragon fly said when she stung the horse's shoulder, his head bein' turned the other way."

"Ha'nt time for your old sayins just now; business, business!"

"Care, care, neighbour; and keep away from me."

"You done nothing here." Roy said you was at the pay last night."

"Thought you didn't expect to see me here, and yet you were told I was here! I advise you to stick to truth, neighbour, for you can't tell hes: that takes cleverness."

"But you didn't care to dance at the wedding, I suppose."

"Came to pick up anything—out of a job; and where should I go for employment but to *works!* he, he, he; ho, ho, hoo!"

"Did ye find any employment?" said the other with a leer.

"Only a five shillings here and there at the trick with the strap, and had a good shuffle or two at the cards in the tavern; but a terrible sight of the men here never enters a public; it's awful what the British workman is being diddled into, he won't have any manliness left in him."

"He keeps his wages from us and the pubs, Bill. Haw, haw, haw-w-w!"

"Did you know the gentleman that brought all this lot together to-day was once a little street boy? They say gentleman Nibble often wolloped him when at school."

"And if all's true, tried to do him several dirty tricks since he came here."

"He didn't like him; you see this one didn't attend the races much, and kind o' got on before him here."

"Don't he be at all gay?"

"Him! bless you, he's one of your totallers; and pious I believe."

"All teetotalers is pious; the world'll be too good for larks of any kind, if they ever gets at all many; it'll take away the policeman's livin'; for if there was no rows, what's the use of him?"

(To be continued. Commenced in number 615. Back numbers can always be had.)

Presentation.—At the George Wilson McCree Lodge, on March 23, Bro. and Sister Downs were presented with a testimonial on the occasion of their recent marriage, and also on their retirement from active membership in the Lodge. Bro. S. W. Tysoe, W.D.Ch., of Beds., presided. The testimonial, which took the form of a beautiful marble timepiece, was presented by Bro. G. Wildish, L.D., who referred to the valuable services of Bro. and Sister Downs, but more especially Bro. Downs, during the five years he acted as Lodge Deputy, and asked their acceptance of the gift as a token of the highest esteem and respect in which they were held by the members. Bro. Downs feelingly responded, and said that, though unable to take an active part in the work, they would not sever their membership. Sister Harnaack, V.D., Bros. Tysoe, Brown, Winch, and others, having also spoken, a very happy and pleasant session terminated.

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Rains's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[Advt.]

GOOD TEMPLARS' WAR SONG.*

By Bro. Samuel Laycock.

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As Good Templars we're met once ogen,
Ah, met here to plan an' tn work,
An' so long as there's owt to be done
We're determined noa duty to shirk.
When we don on this armour o' eawers,
It's a sign ut we're rigg'd eawt for feightin',
An' there'e plenty o' wark for us ole,
There's a vast deol o' wrongs ut want reightin'.

Neaw, we're noan here to look at—not us;
Nor these trappin's aren't worn for a show;
An eawer Order's noa childish affair,
Tho' there are foalk ut think soa, we know.
We'n a far grander object i' view,
An' th' lon'lords know that, never fret;
God bless yo', we'n summat else t' do
Nor be playin' at babheawse just yet.

When th' drink shops have ole bin shut up,
When th' woives o' poor drnokards con smoille,
An' their poor little childer are fed—
Well, then, we may play us awhoile.
Bnt soa long as th' drink traffic exists,
An' so mony are perishia' thro' it,
We feel 'at there's work to be dona,
An', God helpin' us, brothers, we'll do it.

There's soms hundreds o' theawsands i' th' field,
Sworn foes to this enemy, drink;
An' we're noan very loikely to yield.
Chua what some may say or may think.
Eawer opponents may turn eawt their "chaff,"
An' treat us wi' second-hond wit;
They can just do an' say what they loike,
But we'll oppen their een in a bit.

We're soldiers! and trained up to feight
Wi' owd England's deadliest foe;
An' eawer swords shall ne'er rest i' their sheaths
Till we'n laid this great enemy low.
Eawer warfare is God-like an' fair;
Eawer cause one o' justice an' right;
We're aimin' a terrible blow
At selfishness, meanness, an' might.

Eh, there would be some stock o' foalk pleased
Iv this drink could nea longer be had!
There would be some tears wniped away,
Some hearts leetened up 'at are sad!
As Good Templars let's do what we con
To bring ole these good things abeant;
Heaven nll bless us i' work o' this sort,
An' give us success, there's no deawt.

Neaw there's nowt 'at needs cause ony shame
I' this great undertskin' o' eawers,
For we're rooting' eawt poisonous plants,
An' i' th' place on 'em plantin' fair fleawers
Isn't this a grand work to engage in?
Need we wonder at th' glorious success
Attendin' eawer Heaven-inspired efforts?
Nay! we cannot expect nowt no less!

Some object to us wearin' these badges,
But th' objections are noan "worth a fig";
Do we sin ony more nor a parson
Or a barrister wearin' a wig?
Don't th' Oddfellows wear their regalia—
Their aprons, their sashes, an' things?
Don't widowers wear mourin' hatbands?
An' don't married women wear rings?

This is th' armonr we put ont to feight in,
An' we've never yet stained it wi' blood;
We feight not to kill foalk, but save 'em,
Not to injare, but do people good.
We con ax for God's blessin' on eawer cause,
An' while we're at year we con pray;
We con feight wi' clear consciences, brotheren—
Con eawer enemies do so? Not they!

We're Good Templars, and meon to defend
This glorious owd country o' eawers
'Gainst a traffic 'at's blightin' her hopes,
An' washin' her lovliest fleawers.
"Vested intereests" we've nowt to do with;
Foalk are free to invest what they loike;
Thoose 'at feel discontented con "shunt,"
Or else do same as th' colliers do—"stroike."

Haven't we vested interests an ole?
Are these lasses an' lads o' eawers nowt,
These scholars we've paddled to th' schoo',
An' toiled for, and prayed for an' towt?
"Vested intereste," indeed! oh, for shame!
Let that drop, for we've had quite enuff
Lest th' owd lad should claim damages too,
For investin' i' brimstone an' stuff.

We can do wi' a fair honest trade,
Wheer th' articles dealt in are good,
But this traffic j' drink we abhor,
As ole thowtful an' sober men should.
As Good Good Templars an' lovers o' right,
Let's be faithful an' true to a man,
An' wherever these plague-spots exist,
Let's shift them as soon as we can.

We're right, mi dear bretheren and sisters.
God smoiles on eawer work from above;
Let's go on moore determined than ever,
I' this labour o' mercy an' love.
Eawer country's i' danger—let's save it;
We've peawer enuff, let it be felt
An' keap on agitatiu' this question
Till justice is honestly dealt.

Till owd England shall rise in her greatness,
An' shake off her deadliest foe;
Till Rachel feels safe wi' her childer,
An' flings off her trappins o' wo;
Till the dram shops no more shall disfigure
This bonny, dear island o' eawers;
Until sorrow is turned into gladness,
An' thistles are changed into fleawers.

(* Laycock's Lancashire Songs, No, 51. Price 1d.)

"BACCHUS" AND THE GOOD TEMPLARS.

In a large volume just published, "A New Guide for Hotel, Bar, and Resturant," by "Bacchus," a great collection of recipes is given for making and doctoring intoxicating drinks. It is, however, a notable fact that a section is also devoted to Temperance drinks, and in this the name of our Order and its English Chief are given to certain beverages. We should warn readers that all cordials sold at drinkshops are spirituous, while, of course, Beckett's fruit syrups and cordials are free from alcohol. We give the recipes without committing ourselves to recommending them in any way:—

"good templars'" punch.

It is assumed that all the cordials used are strictly Temperance preparations, i. e., free from all alcohol. Ingredients:

Lump sugar	1lb.
Lemons	3
Cordial, red currant syrup ...	1 bottle (pint)
Milk	1 pint
Boiling water	½ pint

Mixing.—Rub off the rinds of the lemons on to the lump sugar; put it into a jug and pour on the boiling water until it is dissolved, stirring with a silver spoon. Add the strained juice of the lemons and the pint of milk. Stir the whole together; filter through a jelly bag, and when clear pour into the punch bowl with the red currant cordial and a few rings of sliced lemon, and serve with punch ladle in punch glasses.

the malins' champagne cup.

Cherry Cordial...	1 bottle
Lemon Cordial...	1 wineglassful
Orange Flower Water... ...	1 wineglassful
Seltzer Water	1 bottle
Broken Ice	½ pint

Mixing.—Put into the punch bowl the cherry cordial, mix in the lemon and orange flower water. Stand on the ice till it is wanted. Then at the last moment put in the broken ice, and the bottle of seltzer water. Serve at once with a silver ladle for distributing the cup in wineglasses.

This is invented and dedicated, with compliments from 'Bacchus,' to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar of England."

Mr. Samuel Morley has accepted the office of president to the Homes for Inebriates' Association in the place of the late Earl Shaftesbury.

A Western editor, in acknowledging a gift of a peck of onions from a subscriber, says "It is such kindness as this that brings tears to our eyes."

In the Court of Queen's Bench, in a lunacy case, a witness, a laundress, was asked with respect to the defendant, "Was she abstemious!" Witness, evidently not knowing the meaning of the word, replied, "I never saw her so."

Presentation.—Bro. the Rev. W. H. Tickell, H.D., paster of the Bible Christian Church, Waterloo-road, was recently presented with an album and a purse containing £71. Bro. Tickell has been six years in charge, and the speakers at the meeting highly eulogised our brother's work since his advent among them.

A Milk Drinking "Boom."—There is a great boom in milk-drinking in New York. Wall-street indulges extensively in the healthful beverage. Every side-walk fruit-stand has its can of milk, and neary every down-town bar has it on sale, while there are numerous peripatetic merchants who deal in the fluid. The price varies from one to five and 10 cents. per glass, according to the gentility of the locality and the excellence of the article sold.

To Cyclists.—Strength and staying power, with admirable nutritive, flesh forming qualities, are retained in a concentrated form in Cadbury's Cocoa, providing an exhilarating beverage—comforting and sustaining for long or short trips.—[Advt.]

ASSOCIATES OF THE ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

To some of those who have followed the history of Good Templary, it has become apparent that in attempting to make the Order serve for two quite different purposes we have failed to a considerable extent in both. Those who carefully read our rituals and constitution will see that the original design must have been to establish an Order for men and women, who had to at least a large extent dedicated the strength and energy of their lifetime to the Temperance cause, and were prepared to make very considerable sacrifices to promote it. The Good Templars were, in fact, to be the advanced guard of the Temperance army, whose devotion to the cause was indicated by their willingness to take the very comprehensive pledge of the new Order. The obligation was the outward sign of their fixed resolution, rather than a means of *inspiring* or *sustaining* a resolution. The Lodge-room was to be a council chamber, the Lodge sessions were to be war councils, with far sterner purpose than "milk and bun feasts" or "brothers' darning competitions," or other innocent pastimes which find a large feature in present Lodge programmes. That was a grand idea, and such an Order, necessarily small in numbers, but compact and resolute, might have proved a deadly force against the liquor traffic. It was the idea of such an opposing force which raised the conviction in the ranks of the foe that Good Templary meant "war to the knife and the knife to the hilt." Now that the foe has discovered that we only mean milk and bun feasts he is comforted and reassured. The fact is that in our zeal to extend the Order and enroll new members we have converted our Lodges from war councils to social clubs, and have invited anybody to join who will keep a teetotal pledge and refrain from supplying drink to others, and will promise a number of other things which he may or may not (probably may not) perform. Now the idea of a social club for tectotalers is a very excellent one, but it is not Good Templary, and the attempt to make the machinery of the Order thus do double duty is much like trying to use the same vehicle for both a dog-cart and a hay-waggon. Nevertheless we have committed ourselves to the social club idea, and we console ourselves for the number of people who promise so much more than they perform with the hope that some day we shall educate them up to keeping their promise. In the meantime we indulge in considerable tall talk about "never lowering our standard" when anyone suggests a doubt of the morality of inviting people to sign an irrevocable pledge, on whom it is known that its irrevocableness will have no sort of binding effect. I am afraid if anyone were to charge us with being a society for the encouragement of broken promises it would be difficult to disprove the impeachment. For some years the Mid-Somerset District Lodge, painfully alive to the scandal of these extravagant promises so constantly and lightly broken, has pleaded that in the Subordinate Degree the pledge should not be considered irrevocable, but it has pleaded, and is apparently likely to plead, in vain. Would it not be possible to meet the difficulty on the lines suggested by some other societies, retaining on the one hand the idea of an Order whose watchwords should be *devotion* and *self denial*, whose strength should lie not in the bigness of its promises, but in the constancy and devotion of its members; and on the other hand the idea of a *social* organisation to which all who would keep a simple teetotal pledge should be welcomed, where they might be offered rational instead of pot-house amusements, with plenty of milk and bun feasts, and where they might be gradually educated up, by contact and example, to the stand-point of those whose resolution was indicated by a more comprehensive obligation? I think there is a solution of the problem, and that it lies in the direction of enrolling, not mere *nominal Good Templars*, demoralised at starting by taking a pledge they cannot keep, but "ASSOCIATES OF GOOD TEMPLARY," who, whilst enjoying all the protection and humanising influences of our Lodge-rooms, should simply be required to assent to a pledge of abstinence from intoxicating beverages (such as the Blue Ribbon pledge), and pay a small entrance fee and subscription to the funds. This paper has already run to such length as to preclude my entering at present into details of any such scheme as I have suggested, but I wish to present the idea for the consideration of our members, and especially of Grand Lodge Representatives, in view of the fact that the first business for Tuesday afternoon of the approaching session is to be (by direction of the last Grand Lodge) the discussion of the proposal from Mid Somerset.

T. B. C.

GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE, SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.

The following contributions are thankfully acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
FROM LODGES.			
Cennant Cock (Wales)	0	3	0
Good Intent (Barbadoes)	0	1	0
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Milverton	0	1	10
Edge Hill	1	4	0
Pride of Kidwelly (Wales)	0	16	9
Noddfa (Wales)	0	11	2
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St. Phillips...	0	17	3
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Rising Hope	0	8	2
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Sefton	0	4	3
Haven of Rest	1	7	9
Olive Juvenile	1	15	0
Flower of Devon	0	10	0
Monifieth	1	0	6
Standfast	2	0	3
Star of the North...	1	13	7
Shining Light	1	0	0
Ellenabeech...	0	5	3
Beacon of Hope	0	6	0
Royal	0	5	0
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F. Meth, Hanley...	0	8	3
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Pride of Devon	1	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS.			
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BEDFORD.—The 13th anniversary of the Sir William Harpur Lodge, Bedford, was celebrated on March 22. A public tea was provided in Holy Trinity School-room, Roise-street, to which a good number sat down. At 7.30 a public meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms, under the presidency of Mr. Edwin Ransom, the Mayor, who was supported on the platform by the Mayoress, Bro. J. Malins, G.W.C.T.; Sister Robson, G.W.V.T.; Bro. E. G. Capon, W.D.Sec.; Sister E. Leach, D.A.Sec.; Bro. C. Fisher, D.Tr.; Bro. A. Spratt, D.M.; Dr. Crick, P.D.C.T.; Mrs. Goldsmith, and others. Addresses were given by the Mayor, Sister Robson, and Bro. Malins. The proceedings were altogether very successful.

OBITUARY.

Bro. William Peacock.—With the deepest regret we record the death of our beloved brother, who, at the age of 45 years, departed this life on Sunday, March 7, after a brief illness of 11 days. He attended and took part in the business of the annual session of our Cleveland D.L., on February 23, on which day he took cold, and soon after going to work the following morning became seriously ill, but continued at work till night, when he had to be assisted home. He was attacked with inflammation of the kidneys, bowels, and lungs. At times his sufferings were great, but he bore the same with great patience. All was done for him that medical skill and loving hearts could devise, but it was all of no avail, for he gradually grew weaker until he succumbed to the grim monarch as already stated. Our brother was a life-long abstainer, and ever since his connection with our Order, which dates back to June 27, 1872, manifested more than ordinary interest in its work. He has been a member of Cleveland D.L. since its formation, and was also a member of G.L., having taken that degree when representative to the Bristol session. He was a most consistent and exemplary member of Wilberforce Lodge, Middlesbro', and for which he was a most faithful D.G.W.C.T. for several years prior and up to his decease. Seldom, indeed, if ever, absent from his Lodge unless prevented through work or illness; he was a most devoted member of our Order. One who loved the work, for the work's sake, and the good to humanity, he was thus enabled to do. He has for many years been the main stay of the Wilberforce Lodge. Others have joined, and worked for a time, but our brother never ceased to do his utmost for the good of the Order. One of the faithful few. He was a firm believer in, and upholder of our G.L. political policy, and one who not only held it as a theory, but carried it into practice. Always voting right himself, and influencing others to go with him. Our brother was an engine driver on the N.E.R., and amongst the railway men exercised considerable influence; in fact, at times of elections we had always left this section of the community very much to him, and he could always be depended upon to perform what he undertook. During last year he was on the D.L. Electoral Committee, and in this and other ways rendered considerable aid during the general election. He was an affectionate husband and father; and a faithful, loving wife, and one married daughter are left behind to mourn his loss. The attachment between our brother and his wife (also a devoted member of our Order) was very strong, and consequently our sister feels her loss most keenly. The parting was a most painful one, and such as the writer had never before witnessed. He had many strong personal friends who feel his absence, but of course this is mostly felt by her to whom he was all. In addition to his interest in Temperance work, our brother took a leading part in several clubs and societies specially promoted for assisting his fellow workmen on the railway. Our brother's funeral was largely attended, our Order paying a tribute of respect to his memory by about 100 members in regalia preceding the corpse. An impressive service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Armstrong, superintendent minister of the United Methodist Free Church, with which denomination our brother was identified. The hymn, "Rock of Ages," &c., having been sung, and the ordinary ceremony concluded at the grave, our beautiful Good Templar funeral service was effectively read by Bro. Rev. R. Nicholls, and thus was placed to rest in peace the mortal remains of our beloved friend and brother, who "though being dead yet speaketh." His life was one of quiet, unostentatious goodness, which found its chief pleasure in seeking to promote the greatest happiness and welfare of others.—J. W. C.

Whatever you dislike in another, take care to correct in yourself.

FAREWELL TO THE REV. J. GELSON GREGSON.—On Thursday night, March 25, a large gathering of Temperance workers was held at Hoxton Hall, on the occasion of the impending return of the Rev. J. Gelson Gregson, to India. The public proceedings were preceded by a tea meeting. Mr. W. I. Palmer presided, and he was supported by the Rev. J. Gelson Gregson. Mr. R. Rae (secretary National Temperance League), Mr. John Ripley, Mr. J. T. Rae (hon. sec. at Hoxton Hall), and many others.

SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED.—Our charge for this class of advertisement is 2½ words for sixpence. Every additional six words threepence.—[ADVT.]

No Stimulants for Children.—Under this heading you gave an extract from "The Book of Health" in your issue of March 29, with which I quite agree. My family doctor has for some time past been attending my little boy, age five, who is just now recovering from a very severe illness. About a fortnight ago the doctor ordered brandy to be administered in small doses three times a day, but as I am a Rechabite, as well as a Good Templar, my principles would not allow of my purchasing the brandy, so I told the doctor that if it were necessary for the child to have it he would have to supply it in a bottle the same as any other medicine, duly labelled as to quantity to be given, and the times to give it, which the doctor duly agreed to do, but up to this time I have not seen anything of the brandy. The child is fast recovering, and on questioning the doctor, he says there is now no necessity for brandy.—Chriss Willson, Harlesden Lodge.

Lodges in Agricultural Districts.—Referring to the letter of "A New D.C.T." in your issue of March 22, I may state that in my District there are several Lodges working in "purely agricultural districts," but not near so many as should be. For obvious reasons, the Order will always be very difficult to work in sparsely populated localities. The isolated position of many places, together with the indifferent railway facilities, combine to throw obstacles in the path which require determination to overcome. Of necessity, more expense is incurred in sustaining such Lodges. To keep in good working order for long together it is often requisite that they should be visited *quarterly* by an Executive officer. The best plan, when possible, is to hold a public gathering-of some kind, and then for the officer to meet the Lodge in session afterwards for counsel and encouragement. A little more of the true Templar spirit infused into some of our town Lodges might lead to District Executives being encouraged to do more in the direction of endeavouring to plant "a Lodge in every village."—An Agricultural D.C.T.

Three Good Templars Drowned.—I am much obliged to W.H.S. for his account of the sad accident which has flung so much sadness into our midst. Will you allow me to supplement his account by saying that Bro. Robert Edyvean was the treasurer of the Juvenile Temple we have lately formed here. The three young men rescued are all members of our Lodge. Bro. Frank Edyvean, who is only 17 years of age, behaved with the heroism of a veteran. After the three had been about half-an-hour in the water clinging to the oars and spars, he was asked if he could swim to the boat which had been put off from the vessel with which they had been in collision. He said nothing, but in his quiet way he told me he "thought he could do the job," and let go the spars and swam to the boat. The crew in the boat could not, on account of the storm, get it to the place where the young men were in the water. Bro. Edyvean seized the oar and forced the boat along, and was thus the means of rescuing his mates, who became unconscious directly they were lifted into the boat. I have applied for the Royal Humane Society's medal for this act of bravery. His mother, a feeble woman, is left with eight children, mostly young. His uncle has left a widow to whom he has only been married a few months. The boat was insured, but when the liabilities on the boat are paid, there will be nothing left for the bereaved. Nets are not insurable, so all the property is gone. We have commenced a relief fund, of which I am treasurer, and I shall be glad if any of my old friends can evince practical sympathy with this real case of distress. Any donation sent here will be duly acknowledged. —James E. Hargreaves, P.W.G.Ch., Porthleven, Cornwall.

Band of Hope Demonstration at Willenhall.—The G.W.C.T. addressed a great Band of Hope Demonstration at Willenhall, on March 22, when a procession with the Good Templar Prize Band and four other bands paraded the neighbourhood. The references made to the work of our Order were warmly acknowledged, and a Lodge is expected to be formed there shortly. J. H. Blades, Esq., M.P., and others took part.

AN EARLY FRENCH ILLUSTRIOUS ABSTAINER.

La Feuille de Tempérance, or "The Temperance Journal," the organ of the Blue Cross Temperance Society, published in French, at Vevey, Switzerland, gives in its February issue a sketch and portrait of a M. Passy, from which the following is gathered:—"M. H. Passy was born in 1793. At 16 years of age he entered the cavalry school at St. Germain. From school he joined, in Russia, the French regiment to which he was appointed for that fatal campaign. In 1812 he was wounded and taken prisoner at Wilna. He escaped and rejoined Emperor Napoleon I. at Dresden. He was present during the campaign of Marshal Saxe, in which he was covered with wounds; and he was decorated for his bravery before even he was 20 years old. By giving in his resignation at the restoration of the Bourbons, he thus broke off his short and brilliant military career, and ended it with 66 wounds—perhaps at least two wounds for every month of service. To rest himself the young officer undertook a voyage to America. At St. Domingo he had yellow fever, but, having a strong constitution, he recovered.

Passy returned to France and retired for some time to a large family estate at Gisors, where he gave himself up to agriculture and to the study of the most important social questions. Soon afterwards he commenced a new and long career as political writer, economist, and statesman, and thus continued until death.

In 1830, he was elected Deputy of his department. Having held certain important offices under Louis Philippe, he at last became a peer of France. At the revolution of 1851, he was thrown into prison by the Empire for having wished to remain loyal to the legal Government—the Republic. After that he retired from politics and devoted himself to his writings on economy and agriculture. His book on the Systems of Culture and their Influence on Social Economy, not to mention all his important publications, is one of the most remarkable and competent of works, and will long survive him.

"In 1871 he, for the last time, again entered into public life, as Deputy to the National Assembly. Such is briefly the life of this remarkable man. It is declared on good authority that this celebrated economist only drank pure water, and never drank spirits or even coffee. Towards the end of his life, his doctor, Dr. Hardy, insisted on Passy taking a little wine and coffee, but the old man only very reluctantly departed from his abstinent habits."—J. Malins, Jun.

FOREIGN SAILINGS.

Bro. John Sweetman, of Strength of the Wood Lodge, is emigrating to Halifax, Nova Scotia. He sails from Liverpool on 8th April, in the steam ship Sardinian, Allan Line, and would be pleased to hear of any brother or sister going by the same vessel.

GOOD TEMPLARS TO THE FRONT.

Bro. Sergeant Woolcock, L.D., of Elliot Lodge, Plymouth, has won the prize of £3 for the best shot in the Plymouth division Royal Marine Light Infantry with a grand total of 300 points; also a prize of £1 for the best judger of distance in the same division.

Central Temperance Association.—At the Sunday evening meeting of this association Mr. Thomas Watson, M.P. for the Ilkeston Division of Derbyshire, was the chief speaker. He said he was a Lancashire man. Londoners had a curious notion of North countrymen, and North countrymen had a queer notion of Londoners. The chairman (Mr. P. Carigan) was a 45 years' abstainer, but he (Mr. Watson) signed the pledge—under Joseph Livesey—52 years ago on January 24 last. Abstinence and the giving his heart to God had been his two safeguards in life. The country wanted total Sunday Closing, but London was the great stumbling block. Why did not the people of London rise *en masse* and let the House know their will? The brewers, maltsters, and spirit merchants talked pure nonsense in the House of Commons on the subject of Sunday Closing.

Food Adulteration.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homœopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." Cadbury's Cocoa is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[Advt.]

Compiled by Bro. John B. Collings, G.W.M.

WINE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

The Minutes of the Bluffs, U.S.A., Baptist Association, 1879.

"That both for Bible reasons and for the sake of those participating in the Lord's Supper, our Church be urged to use only the unfermented juice of the grape."

Rev. Canon Wilberforce.

He had known terribly real and undoubted instances, in which men, by partaking of wine from the sacramental cup, had been started on their downward course to a dishonoured grave. If it came to be a question whether the wine or the Christian should be banished from the Table of the Lord he could not hesitate a moment as to which should go. From the sacramental table over which he had more immediate control intoxicating wine had now long been banished, and in this he believed they were carrying out the true spirit and meaning of the sacrament. If it was not a spiritual communion with the blessed Lord, beyond and above anything the mere elements could convey, then it failed in the great purpose for which it was ordained.

The Bishop of Manchester, Nov., 1884.

I have had cases mentioned to me of sad relapses into sin from this very cause—the very sight or smell of the intoxicant reviving the old, only half-conquered desired—and these cases apparently so well authenticated that I cannot dismiss the danger as one purely imaginary; and though I think that no one ought to press his principle of abstinence so far as this, where he has no reason to apprehend danger, there may be exceptional instances where exceptional treatment is demanded. Even a Sacrament of the Lord must not be turned into an occasion of sin. We condemn the spirit of fanaticism; but we should deal tenderly with the fear of being tempted beyond what we are able to bear.

Miss Gordon Cumming.

"As it may possibly occur to some who are accustomed to think of the consecrated elements of bread and wine as essential to the administration of this holy sacrament to marvel how such luxuries were provided for so great a multitude, I may mention that no such fruitless effort was made. It was judged that as the Master made use of the ordinarily daily food of Judea, so would He bless that of Hawaii. Therefore sweet water from the cocoanut, or from the sparkling brook, replaced the juice of the grape, while bread-fruit or taro represented the sacred bread. Even had the foreign elements been favourable," she adds, "it would have been impossible to prevent the people from attaching superstitious meaning to those unknown dainties."

Drink Amongst Women.

"The Lancet."

Women who would on no account be seen going into a public-house, and who could not obtain wine and spirits unknown to their husbands if they were only procurable through a wine merchant, now find it quite easy to supply their dressing cases and wardrobes from the grocer's store. To sweep away this scandal and put an end to a secret vice the grocer's licence must be abolished.

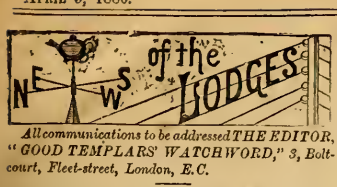
"The Globe."

The groggery grocer has done far more to promote the worst forms of drunkenness than the publican.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

April 29, 1884. If the women of England should be possessed by the same spirit that so long has possessed so many of the men—what hope for England? We may do the greatest things at home and abroad, but oh! if our women take to drink, if the sights that I see of respectable-looking, tidy-looking women, going into the gin palaces without shame or fear in the middle of the day, and having little children with them—I see this perpetually—if that is to go on and is to be no reproach, it is over indeed with what we are proudest of in our womanhood.

Bro. Rosbottom is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Peel Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[Advt.]



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"The News of the Lodges should constitute a public record for the important events in connection with ordinary Lodge Sessions, Public Meetings, Anniversaries, &c., in connection with the Order. It should refer, not to matters of mere local interest and to the every-day occurences of ordinary Lodge Sessions, but to such matters as are of national importance interesting alike to all classes of readers, stimulating some, encouraging others, and rejoicing all. For this purpose it should make mention of Essays and Papers read, of competitions in Reciting, Reading, and Singing, Temperance Bees, Question Box, and such like. And, *Once a Quarter*, the total number Initiated or admitted by c., the total of membership, &c., may be given. Singing, Reciting, &c., at ordinary Lodge Sessions should not be reported, as the same names of singers, reciters, &c., occur week after week, and such news can only be of limited local interest. When, however, a Public Anniversary, or other Meeting or Demonstration in connection with the Order takes place, the names may be given of the chairman and of those taking part, and to save space these should be classified thus: Chairman, ——. Songs by ——, Recitations by—— &c., &c.

Lodge News should be sent as early as possible, and cannot be received after Tuesday morning for insertion in the following issue, except from Lodges meeting on Tuesday night, from which reports can be taken up to 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

METROPOLITAN.

North Bow.—"Commonwealth." March 20. Bro. Degerdon, W.C.T. ; good attendance ; one initiated and one proposed ; the former surprised the sisters in an exemplary manner, with useful articles, including cuffs, kerchiefs, collarettes, inkstands, small picture frames, &c. The sister shewed their appreciation by a cordial vote of thanks for the nice and useful presents given by the brothers.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." March 23. Bro. Figg's, V.D., night. Very pleasant session and good attendance ; Bro. Mathews, W.C.T., presided ; Bro. Carman, V.S.J.T., gave report of juvenile conference and also of the meeting re division of District, held at the Olive Branch Lodge ; addresses by Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T. and Sister Gibson, W.D.V.T. ; after business, it being Bro. Figg's natal day, a varied and plentiful supply of refreshments was handed round, after which a number of members and visitors entertained.

Wandsworth-road. — "New Clapham Excelsior." March 24. Programme "Grumbling." Bro. T. C. Macrow, W.C.T. ; the following were received with honours: Bros. J. J. Edwards, D.S.J.T ; J. C. Woollacott, V.D. ; J. Robson, P.W.C.T., and G. R. Crawley, W.C.T. ; each gave a short address ; Bro. A. D. Sleap, L.D., presented a table-cover for W.C.T. table ; Sister E. Harding, W.F.S., presented a table-cover for W.V.T. table ; large number of visitors, one of whom presented the Lodge funds with 5s. ; refreshments plentifully supplied.

Chelsea.—"James McCurrey." March 25. Coffee supper ; a public entertainment presided over by Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D. ; short addresses by Bros. Hubert and Macrow ; songs, Sister Tearle Grisenthwaite (2), Mr. Wills (2). Bro. Colbert, Nichols, jun. ; duet, Sister Grisenthwaite and Bro. Nichols, jun. ; recitations, (2) by Miss Francis, well rendered for which she was heartily received ; recitations, Bro. T. W. H. Grigg, and Mr. Wills (2) ; refreshments supplied ; several names given in for membership.

Hammersmith. — "Thomas Carlyle." March 26. Public meeting in Redmore Hall, preceded by a procession headed by Lockhart's Brass Band. Chairman, Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D. Solo by Bro. J. Dunkley ; address by Bro. S. Insull, P.D.M.T. ; followed by Bros. William Sutherland, W.D.C., E. C. Lambert, W.D.M., William Colbert, V.D., T. W. Wickendeu, V.D., Bro. Youngson, Reddaway, and G. Eustace, W.C.T., and G. Thomas, L.D. Large number present. Names given in for membership.

Baker-street. — "Alliance of Marylsbone." March 22. Good session. W.C.T., Bro. W. Bailey. Reports of Sub-District Committee also Provident Fund were taken and adopted as suggested. Visiting Committee reported on their absentees, satisfactory accounts being given of each. The programme being "Spinsters' Night." Sister Pratt presided, and was assisted by Sister Watkins, Powell, A. Pelham, and Dunstan, all of whom entertained.

Holloway.—"Vale of Safety." March 16. Bro. Hobart, W.C.T., presided. One initiated. A paper, entitled, "Freedom of Contract and Monopoly," was read by Bro. Hobart.—March 23. Bro. Fleet presided. Visit paid by members of the Mizpah Lodge, who entertained with songs, &c. A pleasant evening was spent.

Peckham.—"Peckham." March 27. Free monthly entertainment. Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., presided. Entertainment chiefly provided by Bro. W. A. Shepherd, W.D.M., and friends.

Southwark.—"The Mint." March 25. Visitors entertained, and brothers surprised the sisters. Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., presided. One brother from Malta admitted on c.c. Pleasant evening.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." March 26. Officered and entertained by sisters ; Sister E. A. Kimber W.C.T. Greetings presented by Bro. Beaney, of the Excelsior Lodge, Woolwich. Resolution unanimously adopted directing the D.L. Reps. to vote against forming two District Lodges for Middlesex ; an excellent evening spent.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." March 25. Resolved that the D.L. Reps. be instructed to vote against the division of the District ; songs, &c., by members and visitors ; good session.

West Norwood.—"Fenwick." March 23. One proposed, and one initiated, Bro. R. Saunders, L.D., entertained with the assistance of the following :—Songs, Bros. B. Whitfield, G. Botting, Gibbons, J. Strong, with a laughable whistling song from Bro. J. Sawyer ; Sister T. Pryce, song ; recitations, Sister P. Draper, Sister Saunders, Sister A. Draper ; reading, Bro. R. Saunders.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." March 27. Crowded session. Bro. Staples, W.C.T., presided. Five candidates proposed, three initiated. Reports on sick and absent members received and adopted, and letters of sympathy ordered to be sent to Bro. and Sister Goddard and Sister Kiel. The L.D. reported upon the date fixed for the visit of the Middlesex District Executive, and that the large hall had been engaged for the occasion. A special committee was appointed to look after the persons who had signed the pledge at the late open meetings. Bro. Bench, S.D., of Leicester, spoke words of cheer, and the North Star Lodge entertained with songs, reading and an amusing dialogue. WATCHWORDS sold.

Stoke Newington.—"London Trinity." March 24. Resolved to support the motion of Citizen Lodge for two District Lodges in Middlesex, and the D.L. Rep. instructed to vote accordingly. A united gathering of neighbouring Lodges, which were well represented ; large attendance. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Kentish Town.—"Regina." March 29. Bro. Scarborough, W.C.T., presided ; one initiated ; good attendance. Question box ; Temperance questions. Some very good questions were asked, and Bros. Frost, Wharton, Chandler, Ramsden, jun., Hall, &c., took part in the discussions ; 3s. 6½d. collected for a brother from Dover, who was in distress.

New Cut.—"George Thornelee." March 6. Comic cuttings were given, as well as songs, &c.—March 13. One initiated ; open Lodge, Bro. Gear presiding ; songs, &c., were given and speeches by Bros. Bdkins and Reeves. Fruit was handed round—a gift from the chairman—as a Temperance birthday offering. Several persons promised to join the Lodge.—March 20. Visit of Wellington Lodge, who entertained, Bro. Hinton presiding. No candidates proposed ; one initiated.

Hornsey-road, N.—"North Star." March 22. One proposed; communication read asking Lodge to give an entertainment at the Free Schools, Peace-cottages, Tunbridge-street, W.C., was accepted ; W.S. read the report of the entertainment and handed over to Sister Shakespeare the sum of 19s. 8d., to help to start a Juvenile Temple; Bro. Gurr read a report of the Juvenile Council ; the D.L. Reps. were informed to vote at the next D.L. against there being two District Lodges for Middlesex, also to vote for the motion concerning the Capitation Tax on sisters being reduced to 1d. It was resolved to leave a copy of the WATCHWORD in the shop (Lockhart's), for the customers to read. Good session. WATCHWORD sold.—March 29. One initiated. D.L. Reps. gave in their report, which was adopted. Bro. Griffiths, the founder of the Vernon Lodge, gave a short address, stating that he would become an honorary member of the Juvenile Temple about to be formed. Good session.

Battersea. — "Pilgrim's Rest." March 26. Well attended session. Bro. Thomas Olding (late of Southampton Lodge) handed in £1 4s. as profit on entertainment which he had organised. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded. Entertained by several brethren and sisters ; a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

Bethnal Green.—"Odell." March 24. Programme, brothers surprised the sisters. The surprise consisted of a white damaskie handkerchief, presented to each sister present of the Lodge. After the sisters had thanked the brothers for their kindness, Sisters Steel presided, and Sisters Williams, Tillett, and Tompkins, and Bros. Le Sage, Mackay, Lloyd, Tillett, and Dabbs took part in the programme.

Hounslow.—"Hope of Hounslow." March 25. Sub-District tea and open Lodge. Thirty members to tea, including Bro. Colonel Young, H.D. ; Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co. ; Bro. W. T. Wickenden, V.D. ; Bro. Lambert, W.D.M. ; and others. After a very enjoyable tea a public meeting was held. Short, lively, and interesting speeches and recitations were given by the visitors, Sister Mumford presiding at the harmonium. An excellent meeting.

Hackney.—"Homerton Hope." March 25. Visitors from Upper Clapton, Chepstow Castle, and Hackney Mission Lodges entertained. Greetings brought by Bro. Splitter from Lodges in Sittingbourne and Sheerness, and by Bro. Simmons from Dover and Portsmouth Garrison Lodges.

Upper Clapton.—"Upper Clapton." March 15. Visit from the members of the Hackney Mission Lodge, who provided a very interesting programme.—March 22. Bro. Hanlon, C.S., presided. A very interesting paper by Bro. T. V. Miles, W.C.T., against smoking, which caused a lot of discussion, the following taking part :—Bros. Cumming, Rehfuess, Clemence, Davis, L.D., Castor, L.D., and Sister Wheeler.

Edgware-road.—"The Paddington." March 15. Resolved that our W.Sec. write to the Home Secretary, also to Lord Randolph Churchill, regarding the Poole Perjury Case, entreating them to give the case further investigation, with a view to the release of Harry Williams from penal servitude ; also that we send a resolution to D.L. regarding the same.—March 22. A very instructive and encouraging session ; several visitors congratulated us upon the bright and prosperous aspect of this Lodge. The programme being to "Put the W.C.T. in a fix," proved very interesting and instructive, most of the questions being very good. The chair was eventually won by Sister Weeks, P.D.V.T., who closed the Lodge. WATCHWORDS taken by several members.

Stratford. — "Enterprise." March 6. Lecture on Phrenology, by Bro. Morrell, P.D.E.S. Very interesting. —March 13. Bro. Fenwick read a paper, "The House that Jack Built," also question-box, Bro' Finch answering to questions.—March 20. Third anniversary. Tea and public meeting, about 30 to tea, which was well served by Sisters Turner, Dewell, Bailey, and Smith. Dr. John Moir, medical officer of West Ham Union, presided, and gave a very instructive and interesting address on Temperance question from a medical point of view. Addresses were also delivered by Bro. Hilton, U.K.A. ; Bro. Searle, D.C.T. ; Bro. Gage, Bro. Leeding, Bro. J. S. Turney, U.K.A.—March 27. Roll call ; afterwards the Lodge was entertained by Bros. Dewell, Layton, and Martin, Sisters Phillip, Layton, Smith, Catton, &c.

Kingsland.—"Old Mentor." March 30. Bro. W. L. Simmons, W.C.T. Good attendance. Report of D.L. Rep. received and adopted. Resolved that our rep. be instructed to vote against the motion for the division of the Middlesex District. After usual business a transposition bee, open to visitors, in which 13 competitors took part, Bro. Refheus, of the London Trinity Lodge, gaining the prize.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." March 30. Officered and entertained by Sisters. Sister Amy Turney, W.C.T., who gave a few opening remarks, Sisters T. Turney, Humpherson, Shepherd, Clopson, Bailey, Matkin, and Kimber contributed to the programme. Few remarks from T. C. Macrow, L.D., E. Humpherson, E. J. H. Matkin, and Bro. Bentley, Hardea, Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T. Refreshments provided.

Holborn.—"Temple." March 23. Discussion of G.W.C.T.'s circular and Provident Fund.—March 30. Visit from London Olive Branch, open to the public at nine o'clock ; Bro. Henstock presiding. Songs, recitations, readings, Sisters Farr, Raymond, Seymour, City of London ; Brothers Wilson, Browne, short address, Bro. Insull ; trio, Bros. Strong, Stevenson and Bacon.

Stratford.—"Excelsior." March 23. Fair attendance ; one initiated, two proposed. Five minutes' papers on "Why I am a Teetotaler," by Bros. Johnson, Vidler and Aldridge, which were greatly appreciated.—March 30, Vegetarian lecture by W.S. Manning, Esq. ; chairman, Bro. Johnson. A most interesting, instructive and humorous lecture.

Chelsea.—"Queen's Messenger." March 19. One proposed. Pound night for regalia fund.—March 26. Three initiated and one proposed. Bro. G. Underwood, L.D., presided, and gave a short address. Sister A. Lombe elected D.L. Rep. Lodge progressing. WATCHWORDS sold.

PROVINCIAL.

York.—"Harbour of Friendship." Free tea and entertainment to nearly 100 worthy persons over 50 years of age. After tea the Rev. C. Illingworth presided, and addresses, recitations, and songs were given by Mr. Councillor Mansfield, Mr. Robert Kay, Mr. Thomas Monkhouse, Henry M. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Revell.

Manchester.—"Concilio et Labore." Bro. Mounsey being responsible, provided a first-class performance. Songs, &c., by Sisters L. Parfitt, Morris, Roberts, and Raymond, Bros. George, Roberts, and Johnson. Large attendance of members and visitors. Three initiated ; and three received on a.c.

Devonport.—"Star of Morice Town." March 24. Bro. Rich, W.C.T., presided. A letter was read from Bro. Rawdon, L.D., Hong Kong, China, giving an outline of the doings of the Order in that country, which was very cheering. He also sent the greetings from Hong Kong and Victoria Lodges. Songs, Bros. Keely, Launce, and Sister Trayse ; reading, Bro. Parkes ; recitation, Bro. Wild.

Totnes.—"Dart Vale." March 16. Enjoyable session. Three initiated.—March 23. One initiated from Juvenile Temple. Circular read from Negro Mission Committee. Cards taken. Committee appointed to make arrangements for an open session. Programme. "Who shall be W.C.T.," well sustained. Library started. Lodge improving.

Manchester.—"City." March 25. The W.C.T., Bro. R. Langdon, being responsible, he presented to each brother and sister a bunch of primroses, which had been sent by a brother at Torquay, specially for the occasion. Songs were rendered by Bros. Langdon, Rose, Bradshaw, Mr. Thumpstone and Miss Thumpstone ; reading by Bros. Ursell and Turner.

Truro.—"Guiding Star." March 25. Visit of Bro. Pollard (Port of Leith Lodge, Glasgow), Bro. Casely, Exeter, a brother from Modbury. Greetings presented by each, which were very cordially accepted and responded. Bro. Pratt read an able paper, "Are Alcoholic Drinks as a Beverage Good for Man ?" A hearty discussion followed, and a pleasant and profitable evening spent ; two proposed for membership.

Nafferton.—"Hope of Nafferton." March 29. Public lecture by Bro. the Rev. J. Longden, on "England's Darkest Stain." Bro. T. Wilson, H.D., presided. A good company present.

Devonport.—"James Teare." March 22. Sister Carter, W.C.T., presided, and invited all members present to a coffee supper with her as it was her birthday, and after the coffee had been served, Bro. Albert, of the K.R.R., asked the members to drink a cup of coffee for his birthday, which was on the 21st inst. The best wishes to our sister and brother were tendered by Bros. Hamley

D.C.T., and Prouse and other members, there was a good muster. A very pleasant entertainment of songs by Sister Hill, Bros. Courtney, Albert, Burt, M'Lean, and Taylor; duet, Sisters Taylor and Hannaford; recitation, Bro. Taylor was gone through.

Sittingbourne.—"Father Mathew." March 16. Largely attended and enthusiastic session. The Lodge was favoured with a visit from Bro. Skinner, P.G.W.M., who presided, and who had the pleasing duty of initiating the Rev. J. Doubleday (Baptist minister). At the close of the business stirring and thorough-going address were delivered by Bros. Skinner, the Rev. W. H. Manor, and Rev. J. Doubleday.—March 23. Officered and entertained by married brothers. Pleasant evening.

Leicester.—"Excelsior." March 16. Experience night. Bros. Bagwell, Brady, Brasfield, Whatton, Path, and Monk; Sisters Baker, Vernon, and Verity took part. Good session.—March 23. Good session. Three initiated, two proposed, two rein-talled. Juvenile night, the juveniles entertained; 17s. 6d. sent to the orphanage. Bro. Buswell bade farewell to the Temple members as he is leaving Leicester.

Brighton.—"Advance Guard." March 19. Social party. Nearly 200 present. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Tom Smith, W.C.T., who, in a few opening remarks, stated the object of the meeting. A capital programme of songs, duets, and recitations was gone through by Bros. Gray, Cook, Hussey, and Sister McLenahan, Dover, Paris, and Bunker, Mr. J. S. Fathers, and Miss Lease; instrumental music being contributed by Bro. Billard. Bro. J. J. Jones gave an address explanatory of the principles of Good Templary. Refreshments, of which there was a plentiful supply, were handed round during the evening, and a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

New Malden.—"Sure Refuge." March 12. Visit of General Charles Gordon Lodge. Eighteen members shewed up. Very good entertainment given by same.—March 19. Impromptu speaking. Numerous subjects fully discussed by Bros. J. C. Woollacott (who acted for W.C.T.), Lavender, Wilson, Wren, and others.—March 26. A paper on "Epitaphs," by Bro. W. Taylor was greatly appreciated, afterwards the Lodge was surprised by Bro. J. C. Woollscott with coffee, fruit, and other good things, and with music, &c. A most pleasant evening was spent. Watchwords sold.

Norbiton.—"Hope of Norbiton." March 21. Anniversary (13th) of Lodge held in New Schools, Victoria-road; tea at 6.30, between 70 and 80 partook thereof followed at eight o'clock by public meeting by Bro. James Smithers, supported by W.C.T. and Bro. Tickner, when a varied programme was carried out by numerous brothers, sisters, and friends; Bro. Tickner presented the Lodge with a new and handsome set of officers' regalia as a birthday present, the members according him their grateful thanks for so seasonable a present. There were present seven of the members who signed the Lodge Charter 13 years ago; one candidate was initiated.

Ramsgate.—"Smug Harbour." March 18. A very pleasant session and entertainment. Sister Woodroffe, a good working member, who is about to be married, and proceed to America, was presented with a silver-plated teapot and a handsomely-framed certificate of membership, in token of the esteem of the members for her service. The presentation was made by Bro. W. Whitmore, L.D., in a few well-chosen words. Sister W. briefly returned thanks. A coffee supper was provided, and freely partaken of by representatives from the Sunbeam and and Perseverance Lodges of Ramsgate and Margate to bid farewell to Sister Woodroffe. Congratulatory speeches were given by Bros. Coleman, Pilcher, and Sister Hull. The meeting was enlivened with some good singing by various members. All present wished our sister great prosparity and every blessing.

Leeds.—"Nil Desperandum." "Songs from the Operas," conducted and arranged by Bro. Hanson, W.A.D.S. Good attendance of members and friends, who thoroughly appreciated the excellent and enjoyable concert provided. The artistes were Sister Pearson, Miss Slater, Mr. Sheard, and Bros. Hanson, Slater, and Wilson.

Sheffield.—"Ellesmere." March 24. Public exhibition of dissolving views, kindly given by D. Doncaster, Esq. There was a large attendance, and five persons agreed to become members.

Manningham.—"Volunteers." March 22. One initiated, and Bro. Collins gave his entertainment, "A Night with Burns." Bro. Knox of Laurel Mount Lodge Shipley, read an introductory paper on the life of Burns; Scotch songs and readings were also given which were very amusing and interesting.

East Dereham.—"Centre of Norfolk." March 16. Quarterly social re-union of past and present members and friends. Capital programme of songs, recitations, and dialogues carried out by Sisters Crispe, Beckham, and Bush; Bros. Brooks, Chaplin, Woor, Bush, Secker, and Perry. Several names for membership.—March 22. Members drove over to the Shipdham in a waggonette and visited the Endeavour Lodge in support the V.D., who was paying an official visit. Interesting address by Bro. Austin, W.D.Co. Programme by Sisters Bush and Browne, and Bros. Brooks, Chaplin, Green, and Perry, D.S.J.T.—March 23. Celebration of Bro. Chaplin's first Good Templar anniversary. Refreshments provided by Bro. Chaplin, who gave his experience. Three old members re-admitted and one new member initiated. Lodge flourishing. Watchwords on sale.

Intake.—"Home of Safety." March 14 The first anniversary sermons in connection with this Lodge were preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, in the morning by the Rev. G. Hunt, in the afternoon by Mr. J. H. Strong, and in the evening by Rev. J. Scruton. On Monday a public ham tea was provided in the school-room, when 90 sat down. A meeting held after was presided over by Bro. Stephen Bacon. Speakers: Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd, and Bro. W. H. Hall. Recitations by the members; singing by the choir; total proceeds £7 15s. 2d.

Stockton-on-Tees.—"Castle and Anchor." March 4. Pound night and unseating the W.C.T. Several changes took place during the session. Two transferred from Juvenile Temple. Good attendance.—March 11. Three initiated. Devotional meeting, conducted by the Rev. E. L. Millward, curate of the Stockton parish church. The rev. gentleman expressed his pleasure in having the opportunity to conduct such a meeting on behalf of the Good Templars. A large attendance.—March 18. After business a sewing bee for brothers was commenced, the sisters acting as adjudicators. Much amusement caused. Tom Gardner was declared winner. A pleasant meeting.—March 25. Two initiated, and one proposed. The programme was in charge of Sisters E. Hardy, M. Sheraton and Metcalfe. Sister Hardy took the chair. Bros. Ben Meats, Bro. Metcalfe, Bro. Morris, Sister Nichol, Sister Day, and Bro. Ayres contributed; 120 present.

Bedford.—"Sir W. Harpur." February 8. Experience night. Short speeches by Bros. Perry and Brooks house and Sister Heath. Two initiated.—February 15. Who shall be W.C.T.? Large supply of good questions; the chair being gained successively by Bros. E. Capon, Campion, Brookhouse, and Campion. Six proposed and four initiated.—February 22. Report of D.L. session given by Bro. Campion, D.L. Rep. Three proposed and three others initiated.—March 1. Officered and entertained by sisters. Songs by Sister Maundrill and Stonham; recitations by Sisters Leach, Garner and Allen; readings by Sisters Heath, A. Pilgrim and Giggle. Bro. Weatherill, D.C.T. of Oxford, gave a short address.—March 8. Visit of several of the D.L. Executive—Bros. Southwood, D.C.T.; C. Taylor, D.Co.; and S. W. Tysoe, W.D.Chap. Devotional evening. Five initiated. —March 15. G.L. session at Northampton, at which a large number of our members attended. Collected for distressed members, Mrs. March 16. Anniversary Tea and meeting.—March 22. Impromptu speaking; well carried out. Two initiated.—March 29. Essay by Bro. Spratt, "Is the Drink Traffic a Trade or a Crime?" was well discussed. One initiated.

Winchester.—"Itchen Valley."—March 19. Papers on the Good of the Order, when papers were read by Bros. Wilmot, W.S., P. Lucas, and Bro. Colour-sergeant Hudgson. Paper was also read on "Adult and Juvenile Templary," by Bro. J. Brigz, L.D.—March 22. A new Juvenile Temple, through the kindness of the Rev. W. A. C. Chevalier, in granting the use of his school-room, was opened. Sister Goodyear, D.S J.T. for North Hants, was the instituting officer, and the Temple was named the "Lily of the Valley." Bro. E. Buckingham was recommended as Superintendent, and Sister Chevalier as Assistant-Superintendent. Twenty-five joined the Temple, and six more have since given in their names to join.—March 26. Temperance singing contest; the names of six brothers and sisters were on the list to compete, and the result was as follows:—Bro. and E. Mills, P.W.C.T., 1st; Sister Castle, jun., 2nd; and Bro. J. Bugg, L.D., 3rd; very handsome books were given as prizes. A very pleasant evening was spent; large attendance; four initiated and others proposed.

York.—"Victorious." March 24. A very interesting meeting; Bro. Richardson, W.C.T., presided. The question of three acres and a cow was discussed from a Temperance point of view. Sister Andrews read a capital little paper, followed by addresses from Bro. and Sister Madgwick. Bro. H. M. Cross also read a paper on the Land Question.

Whitley Bay Saloon.—"Glorious Prospect." March 8. W.C.T., Sister Miss S. J. Runney. Pound night. A good number of parcels sold by Bro. Brown, W.S. causing much amusement. One initiated.—March 16. Programme, Short speeches on Temperance, in which all members present took part.

Ipswich.—"Orwell." March 25. Brothers surprised the Lodge with a set of new utensils, an altar vase bottle and glass. Two sisters received on c.c. Songs by Bro. Allen, Bro. Ayton, Bro. Grey, Bro. Salhouse, and recitation by Sister Cook, from Alexander Lodge.

Manchester.—"Loyal Robert Whitworth." March 26. Sisters' surprise night. Each brother was presented with a beautiful necktie. Greetings received from Ardwick Happy Home and Woodworth and Excelsior Lodges. Bro. Roberts sang; Bro. Fletcher, recitation; Sisters A. Parfitt, Myott, and Rowbottom, songs. Good attendance.

Exeter.—"Matthew the Miller." March 18. A very nice session; had a few very encouraging remarks from Bro. Marracott on the work of the Order in Torquay.—March 25. Sisters' sewing night, brothers to bring the tools, three prizes being awarded. Surprise visit from the Perseverance Lodge, who capitally entertained.

Manchester.—"Tower of Refuge." March 23. Visit of Bro. Tolton, D.C.T., who presided. A sister from Knightsbridge, London, admitted on c.c. Five candidates initiated. Bro. Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., asked for collections for mission work, and a good number gave in their names. Brothers being responsible, tendered a programme of songs, recitations, &c., and provided refreshments. Seventy-five members present.

Newark.—"Good Samaritan." March 26. A well-attended public meeting and entertainment, presided over by Bro. J. Payne, W.C.T. Programme of vocal and instrumental music, recitation, and readings by the members, assisted by several friends. At the close, a large number sat down to a well-provided coffee supper. One of the most successful meetings held.

Blackburn,—"Star of Blackburn," March 11. Visit from Templars' Rest Lodge, who entertained, Bro. Wingfield, W.C.T., presiding.—March 18. Bros. Fowler and Wildman responsible. Grumbling night; coffee and cake handed round; very enjoyable session; fair attend ance; one initiated.—March 25. Sisters Moss and Percival responsible. Refreshments were provided, and the proceeds devoted to the Lodge Funds. One initiated; one proposed. Bro. Booth, W.S., gave an addres. Very pleasant session.

Derby.—"Hope of Derby." At the last session Bro. A. Boggis, H.D., London, gave a very encouraging address on the Order generally.

Tow Law.—"Pride of the West." March 27. A very interesting entertainment. An exhibition of living waxworks was produced, and ably explained by Mr. Thomas Fothergill, of Crook, to a very appreciative audience. Songs, recitations, and selections of music at intervals by Miss J. Hird, Mr. J. Raine, Masters Thomas Hall, J. A. Hughes, Miss M. Wayper, and Bros. George Wilkinson, and George Dickenson. Bro. R. Spence presided. The proceeds of the entertainment are in aid of the reading-room in connection with the Lodge.

Leeds.—"Priestley United." March 9. Visit of Armley Evening Star, who gave a short programme. Very pleasant evening spent, and very good attendance. —March 16. One candidate initiated. Negro Mission circular read. Sisters' surprise night. Sisters took office. Entertainment by Sankey's hymns, recitations, readings, songs. Very good attendance.

Cambridge.—"The Loyal Cambridge." March 16. Quarterly tea at 6.30 p.m., well attended, and followed by public meeting presided over by Bro. Burrell, W.C.T. Bro. G. Collen addressed the meeting with great force. The well-arranged programme was varied with speeches from Bros. Dixon, Westhorpe, and Broom, and enlivened with solos by Sisters Burrell and Howe. Two visitors from the University Lodge, Bros. Kinton and Polack, took part in the proceedings.

Oxford.—"St. Clement's." February 9. Four received on a.c.'s. February 23. Report of D.L. rep. It being a social evening, refreshments were handed round, and songs, recitations, &c., were given. Two candidates were initiated.—March 2. Resolved, that we have some cards with place and night of meeting placed in the cafés and Temperance hotels. Bro. Martin urged the members to take the Watchword.—March 9. Come and See, which caused much amusement.—March 16. Social supper; songs, readings, addresses, &c., &c. About 30 present. Very pleasant time.

St. Helen's.—"Great Heart." March 23.—Bro. J. Rockbank's (L.D.) birthday; hearty congratulations voted. The L.D. provided refreshments. A very pleasant meeting.

Bristol.—"Morning Star." March 26. Bro. Lucas, read an interesting an instructive paper on "St. Patrick's Day Customs." After giving a biographical sketch of the saint, he went on to shew how that the poor and illiterate Irish people still only celebrate the name and memory of that worthy by a day of drunken carousing.

Folkestone.—"Cæsar's Camp." March 16. Songs, readings, and recitations. Lodge visited by friends from Asbford and Faversham, who came in brakes. Very pleasant evening.—March 23. Open Lodge. Bro. Quartermaster Hooper entertained with some splendid dissolving views, and also related his wonderful escape from drowning at the time the ill-fated La Plata foundered at sea; after which two friends were initiated, and several others proposed. A grand meeting.

Farnworth.—"John Jackson." March 27. A tea meeting and entertainment. A splendid tea was provided, and first-class talent was secured for the entertainment. The S.D.C.T., Bro. Bennett, presided.

Glossop.—"Mount Pleasant." March 25. Sister Goodman responsible, and served the lodge with coffee and sandwiches, after which we were entertained by the members; recitations by Bro. J. H. Parker and Bro. R. Oliver; songs by Sister Crawford, Sister Goodman, Sister Hutchison, and Bro. Horton; reading by Bro. Shallcrass; sketches by Sister Goodman and Bro. Horton. A very pleasant evening was spent. Good attendance.

Glossop.—"Hope of Glossop." March 22. Good attendance; two initiated, three proposed. Visit of Glossop Mount Pleasant. Sister Goodman recited; readings and recitation by Bros Shirt and Parker.

West Hartlepool.—"J. H. Raper." March 11. Good session. Spelling bee. Keen competition by several brothers and one sister. Prize won by Bro. Hinchley.—March 25. Enjoyable session. Bro. Haver's paper was read by Bro. Hinchley, which set forth the obligation and duty of all members of the Order, and urged most firmly the upholding and setting forth of our principles, before all with whom we come in contact in our daily life. A very pleasing and enjoyable feature of the session was that, as it was the birthdays of Sister L. M. Jackson also Sister A. A. Jackson, D.M., the sisters regaled these members with a social cup and refreshments. One initiated. Good attendance. Watchwords sold.

Ampthill.—"Alameda." March 25. Visit from the Hope of Ampthill Juvenile Temple, when readings, recitations and dialogues were given. Good number present; one proposed; coffee was given to the juveniles. Good session.

Higher Openshaw.—"Circle." March 2. Essay on "Tobacco," by Bro. W. R. Peplow. Visitor Bro. Okey, L.D., of Droylsden, who gave a short speech.—March 9. One initiated and received from Juvenile Temple. Resolved we meet on Monday nights in future instead of Tuesday nights.—March 22. Brothers surprised by a knife and fork supper, provided by the sisters; two initiated. March 23. Service of song by Bro. Shaw's choir. Reader, Bro. E. C. Bainbridge; accompanist, Bro. S. Lawton. The service was well rendered.

Yarmouth (I.W.)—"Star in the West." March 19. Twelfth anniversary celebrated. After the session was closed about 33 members and friends sat down to a coffee supper, to which all did justice. A heavy snowstorm, which was raging kept many away. After supper was over a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Summers, Bro. A. White, Sister Minnie Fryer, Bro. W. Newman, Sister Miriam Brewin, Sister Fryer, Bro. E. Waterfield, jun., Sisters Griffiths and Warder contributed to the programme. A few words from Bro. L. Rice, L.D.—March 26. One initiated.

Doncaster.—"White Rose." March 17. One initiated and one proposed. A paper was read by Bro

Blyton, Golden Rule Lodge, on "Duty and Honour," and proved interesting. A short debate followed.—March 22. Visit to Hope of Hextborpe, with programme.—March 24. One proposed. Programme. Bro. Sergeant Bower, Y. and L. Regiment, attended, and the brothers were drilled *à la militaire*, which caused much amusement. Bro. Bower also gave an address. The average attendance has been excellent. WATCHWORDS sold.

COAL ASTON.—"Home of Peace and Safety." March 25. Bro. Mart, W.D.Co. of Derby, delivered a lecture on the political aspect of the Temperance question. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. H. Munney, L.E.S. There was a good attendance.

NEW WHITTINGTON.—"Happy Home." March 24. A public tea was provided in the club-room of the Wellington Hotel, and in the evening a lecture was given by Bro. Mart, of Derby, on the political aspect of the Temperance question. Chair taken by Mr. J. Lawton. A very good attendance.

CHELTENHAM.—"Imperial." March 25. Public meeting. Bro. Evans presided. Songs, Miss Vardes Hill, Bros. Warren, Panlston, Fletcher, Evans and Sister Taylor; recitations, Bros. Margetts, Andrews, Fletcher, and Miss Wanklin; trio, Misses Winn, Morris, and Friend; selections on the concertina, Mr. Quayle; Temperance dialogue, Bros. Rev. E. Turland and Selman. Good attendance. Three to initiate next session. WATCHWORDS sold.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." March 19. Address by Bro. Chewter, P.D.C.T. Sister Leach appointed pianist. Bonbon night, mottoes read out amidst much amusement. One initiated.—March 26. Connective readings, Bro. Green, Sisters Leach and Everehed. Songs by Sister S. H. Parker. List of absentees read.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." Lodge doing well. Crowded meetings. Opening session every week. Nearly 50 members already.

MILITARY.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." March 27. Large attendance. Bro. Colour-Sergeant Harrison, W.C.T., presiding. Two initiated. Others proposed. Letters read from Chatham, Iodia, and Egypt. Bro. Sergeant Hooper's name was submitted to the Executive for the office of V.D. programme. The Harrison family (four in number) entertained with songs, solos, recitations, &c., by Bro. Harrison, the W.C.T., and Sisters E. A. and B. Harrison. Bro. Sergeant Checkley also gave two songs. A very pleasant evening. WATCHWORDS in great demand.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—"St. Patrick's." February 1. Election and installation, Bro. W. R. Emery, W.C.T. Quarterly letter from Grand Lodge read and debated.—February 8. Humorous readings, to which the following members and visitors kindly contributed, Bros. R. Dowes, Treacy, Darlington and A. Wisdom, and Sisters McKay, Cunningham and Fitzberry.—February 15. Impromptu speeches of an interesting and entertaining character were delivered by all present.—February 22. A very pleasant visit to the Shamrock of Booterstown Lodge, where a paper was read by the D.S.J.T., entitled, "Juvenile Templary, its Place and Power."—March 1. Entertainment; programme contributed to by Bros. Goodhew, Rev. H. Anderdon, Treacey and Emery, and Sisters Graham and Cunningham.—March 8. Impromptu speeches.—March 15. Question night. Several questions relating to the Order were handed in, and spoken to by the members.—March 22. Address by Bro. Treacy, being notes on a course of ambulance lectures, showing what he explained the method adopted by the Ambulance Society to save life, and how to act in case of accidents. The lecturer shewed (by the aid of Bro. W. J. Reilly, who acted as his subject,) the various means adopted for bandaging a patient, &c. The address was entertaining and instructive.

DUBLIN CITY AND COUNTY DISTRICT LODGE.—Quarterly session school-room, 13, Lower Abbey-street. March 13. Sister Mrs. Atkin, D.C.T., presided. There was a fair attendance of both members and representatives. The roll of officers having been called a discussion ensued as to whether members taking part in the proceedings should wear regalia or not at the session. The question being referred to the G.W.C.T. he gave his decision that all members and representatives could speak whether wearing regalia or not. Bro. W. R. Emery, W.D.S., read the report of the Executive, which was listened to with close attention and interest, and criticised at some length before being adopted. It dealt with all matters affecting the District, and showed an increase of about 10 per cent. on the membership of last quarter. The report appeared to be a satisfactory one, and met with general approval. Its adoption was unanimous. The reports of the D.S.J.T. and literature agent were read and respectively adopted. The latter report shewed a decrease in the circulation of literature for the quarter of four weeklies and two monthlies, but in other respects was satisfactory. The office of District Deputy having been rendered vacant, Bro. Frank Neale was nominated for the position. Matters bearing upon the good of the Order were discussed; and the D.M. and D.C. were subsequently installed into their respective offices, and the meeting closed at 10.45 o'clock.

BELFAST.—"Star of Erin." February 25. Sisters' nail driving competition; a very spirited contest, and some very good work was done. First prize, Sister Legg; second, Sister McElroy.—March 5. Quarterly prayer meeting; a good attendance. An address by Bro. Thomas Carruthers, senior.—March 12. Phrenological night. A very amusing and instructive lecture was given by Professor Baillie, and his reading of the heads of some of the members caused much amusement; about 160 present.—March 19. As it was sisters' night, they were presented with five splendid table-cloths, which had been purchased at a cost of 23s., for the use of the Lodge. The W.V.T., Sister Legg, then occupied the chair and appointed the sisters to occupy the officers' chairs, who then entertained with a very good programme and also with refreshments. Good attendance; WATCHWORDS sold.—March 26. Paper on "Our party in Ireland," by Bro. S. Dumican, who dealt with his subject in a very able manner, shewing the rise and progress of the Temperance cause and also of the I.O.G.T. The paper was spoken to by Bro. McGowan, L.D., Bro. Stewart, P.W.C.T., Bro. Barker, and Bro. Richards, W.C.T. WATCHWORDS sold weekly by Bro. F. Richards. Good attendance.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—"Sir Henry Havelock." March 25. Visit of Bro. James Potter, G.W.C.Tr, and the Jersey division of the G.L. Executive, also visit from Cæsarea's First Lodge. Chair occupied by the G.W.C.T., and Lodge entertained by the visiting members as follows:—Piano solo, Sister E. Patch; songs by Sister Marshall and Bro. W. Weston; readings by Bros. W. T. Davey and Coutanche; recitations by Bros. Weston, Dwyer, Romerie, and J. Plymeo, D.C.T. Address by Bro. W. Fitch, W.D.Co. Fifty-five members present.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

TOTNES.—"Hope of Totnes." March 18. Public entertainment. A programme of readings, recitations, dialogues, and singing, occupying two hours in delivery, was well sustained. Bro. E. Windeatt, Under-sheriff for the County of Devon, presided. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, the hall was crowded. Good results are expected.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—"Portrack Pioneer." March 20. Under the superintendency of Sister M. A. Close. Members present, 242; 16 initiated. The members gave an excellent entertainment to the adult Lodges, and were presented with sweets and biscuits.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." Four initiated. Impromptu speaking; 11 members took part. Sound opinions expressed on "Beer," "Tobacco," "Stitch in Time," &c. One hundred present.

LIMEHOUSE.—"Hope of Coverdale."—March 19 public meeting, preceded by a substantial tea. Bro. Grigsly presided. There was a large attendance of parents and friends. The children gave songs, duets, dialogues, &c., in a style that called for the praise of all. The Temple is increasing fast.—March 26. Eight members joined, followed by entertainment by members, and a few kind words from Bro. Steel and Grigsly.

EAST DEREHAM.—"Lily of the East." March 9. Entertained by Bro. L. M. Perry, D.S.J.T., with a magic lantern, illustrating "Buy your own Cherries," "The Oiled Feather," and others. Very successful; good attendance of the public.—March 23. Superintendent's surprise night; liberal supply of pastry, nuts, oranges, &c., much enjoyed by the 44 members present. Temple flourishing.

HIGHER OPENSHAW.—"Circle of Unity." February 10. Two initiated. Captain appointed to look after absent members. Bro. Griffiths, D.S.J.T., promised a prize to the captain who had the most marks denoting presence on hand at the end of the quarter.—February 17. One initiated. Official visit of Sister Edwards, D.C.V.P., and Sister Hoskinson, D.C.C., both of whom gave short addresses. Sister Edwards presented Sister Peplow with a prize she had previously gained.—March 3. One re-admitted and one transferred to adult Lodge. A copy of the *Juvenile Templar* is given to all members clean on the 10th each month. Prizes given to three best readers. First prize, Sister F. Cummings; second, Sister E. Baldwin; third, Sister H. Cooper.—March 6. Tea party and presentation of prizes.—March 10. The juveniles gave several short speeches on how they enjoyed themselves at the tea party.—March 17. Five initiated. Bro. Bamforth, D.D.C.T., was present, and gave a very interesting address, and promised three prizes to the juveniles—two for those who wrote down the most and best reasons why they were Juvenile Templars, the other for a Scripture test.—March 24. One initiated. Singing contest for Bro. Norris's prize, gained by Sister E. A. Smith.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—"Castle and Anchor." March 11. Almanac show; grand display; prize almanac brought by Bro. J. Corner. One initiated. Good attendance.—March 18. Candidates admitted. Official visit from Bro. T. W. Smyth, D.T.J.T. Bro. Quinton, S.J.T., then presented to Bro. Smyth, on behalf of the Temple, with an address of welcome. Bro. Myers, D.S.J.T. of Cleveland, was also present. Bro. Smyth gave an address.—March 25. Candidates also admitted. Prize for the best penmanship was won by Bro. J. Hatton. Bro. Hansell, Superintendent of the Star of Promise, said a few words. Temple working steadily and well.

WOOLWICH.—The Pride of Woolwich (Senior) and the Rose of Kent (Junior) Juvenile Temples with members Onward to Victory and Sword and Shield Lodges mustered at Freemasons' Dining Rooms, Albion-road, at 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 28th ult., and marched in procession to Joseph-street Chapel and heard two instructive Temperance sermons which were preached by the Rev. George H. Kilby, pastor.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." March 23. Very pleasant session under the superintendency of Bro. Carman, V.S.J.T.; several visitors; recitations, solos, &c.; one adult member received, and several others to join.

TRURO.—"Hope of Truro." February 9. Anniversary tea and public meeting. Bro. Newman presided. A crowded audience. The boys and girls rendered songs, recitations, and dialogues very creditably.—February 16. Miscellaneous evening; officers installed by S.J.T.—February 23. Readings and recitations by the members.—March 9. Bro. Hele, S.J.T., gave an address from the motto text, "There's a lion in the way."—March 16. Question night. Several interesting questions asked, manifesting an intense thirst for Temperance information and a desire to be true Juvenile Templars.—March 23. Lesson on "Tobacco" by S.J.T. Ten members have been initiated since the beginning of the quarter, whilst the attendance has averaged 70.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." March 19. Miscellaneous entertainment, and short addresses. Two proposed.—March 26. One proposed. Address and recitation by Mr. Tate; and Bros. Hall (Supt.), Harland and Archer shortly addressed the members. The Temple now numbers over 200 members in good standing.

KENTISH TOWN.—"Regina." March 20. Surprise visit of the Albert Temple. About 50 present. Very interesting programme of songs, recitations, and dialogues. Bro. G. T. Chandler, Superintendent. Ten initiated. Address, Sister Pettford, Superintendent of the Albert Juvenile Temple. Several adult members present.

RAMSGATE.—"Lifeboat." March 8. A service of song, entitled "Poor Mike," was given by the members in excellent style, in the Sailors' Bethel; Captain P. S. Emett gave the connective readings; Miss Poole presided at the harmonium. The room was filled with an appreciative audience, several of the pieces being greatly applauded.

IPSWICH.—"Pride of the Orwell." March 4. Two initiated; odes sung. A visit by Bro. Marsh from Harwich, who gave a very encouraging address; large attendance.—March 11. Programme of songs, readings, recitations; two proposed.—March 18 Two initiated; Negro Mission Committee circular read; three collecting cards taken by Juveniles. A gavel was presented to Temple by Bro. E. Clark, hon. member, who also promised a prize for the Juveniles if they collected 9s.—March 25. Recitations, songs, &c.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

SUNDERLAND.—The usual fortnightly session of the Sub-District Conference was held on March 27, at the Station Coffee Tavern, Bro. Best, D.C.T., presiding. Twelve Lodges and six Temples were represented, and a large number of visitors were also present. The Representatives from the various Lodges reported in favour of the United Temperance Demonstration, and Bros. Best, Wardropper, and Teasdale were elected to represent our Order on the committee. The Municipal contest in the West Ward was discussed, and it was resolved to recommend all friends of Temperance to support Mr. Bald. The forthcoming election of Guardians was also considered, and gentleman on each respective ward were selected for the support of the Temperance party. A very interesting and instructive paper was then read by Bro. Spencer on the French Revolution, for which he received a very hearty vote of thanks. A short discussion on the Good of Order brought a very successful session to a close.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.—A conference was held on March 22, in the Good Templar Hall, presided over by Bro. W. Mart, W.D.C., of Derby. Bro. Brown introduced the subject of "How to Increase Our Membership and Retain Our Members," and was discussed by Bro. Cartledge, C.Treas., Bro. Jas. Robinson, C.V.T., Sister Nunney, C.C.T., Bro. White, and Bro. R. Stevenson. Afterward a good number sat down to a substantial tea provided by the sisters of the Glorious Prospect Lodge In the evening a lecture was given by Bro. Mart on the "Political Aspect of the Temperance Question," Bro. W. Dann presiding; a good number present.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the monthly meeting of the District Convention, representing the whole of the Lodges in Birmingham and on the borders of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire held in the Coffee-house, Broadstreet, Birmingham, on March 29, the D.C.T., Bro. Walter J. Glover, presiding, Bro. John Powell, S.S., of the South Division, proposed, Sister Townsend, D.S.J.T., seconded, the following resolutions, which were adopted:—"That this Convention, believing that the sentence passed by Baron Huddleston upon Detective Henry Williams at the Winchester Assizes in November, 1884, was an unjust one, and as 14 out of 13 magistrates in Poole are convinced of the man's innocence, we would earnestly hope that the members for this borough and the District would assist Lewis McIver, Esq., M.P., in seeking to obtain the clemency of the Crown." And "that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each member representing a division where a Lodge is located." After a lengthy discussion on the work of Lodges and the District the Convention was closed.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On March 26 representatives from the six Lodges situate in South Shields, Jarrow, and Hebburn met at Bro. Joseph Borrow's rooms, Marketplace, South Shields, when the following resolution was unanimously carried, viz., "That a Sub-District Conference, composed of representatives from the six Lodges be at once formed, and that it be the name of the South Shields, Jarrow, and Hebburn Sub-District Conference." A code of rules, for the guidance of the Council, having been submitted to the meeting and agreed to, the election of the officers of the Conference for the year was next proceeded with: Bro. Joseph Borrow was elected C.C.T.; Bro. J. Coffer, C.V.T.; Bro. W. Cook, C.Sec. The following resolutions were adopted:—1st. "That a quarterly guide of the Lodges connected with the Conference be published." 2nd. "That the next meeting of the Conference be held at Jarrow." The meeting was then closed.

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MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1886.

AN APPEAL TO THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AND THE GRAND LODGE.

Ever since the day when Sir W. Lawson's resolution was passed the third time by the ill-omened assistance of a Government declaredly hostile to its object—the securing of the Direct Popular Veto—the Government has, with great clearness, consistency, and persistence, held before the country its own promised (or threatened?) measure of Local Option by transference of the powers of licensing magistrates to the elective local government bodies to be provided under its general Local Government scheme. From its first mooting, this measure has been, and seems likely to be until settled, the *only* Parliamentary policy in connection with Local Option before the consideration of the country and of the Temperance party, to whom it is seriously offered as an acceptable (even if in their own eyes but a partial) settlement of their demands for an indefinite period to come. Every other scheme that might otherwise have arisen in Parliament in response to the great Local Option agitation has retired before it. The conference of Temperance members of the newly-elected House, lately held, decided to do nothing in view of the coming Government proposals. And when these proposals are made, they are to form but a detail of a great, popular, reconstructive measure, which bids fair to carry all before it. They will come backed by a powerful Government and its party following, as well as by the conscientious support of a large body of Temperance and philanthropic opinion in and out of Parliament, which honestly views the proposed scheme of what may be called Representative Local Option as, if not a perfect measure, at least one that will place the hard-working struggler with the liquor traffic in his own locality in a position of greater freedom and power than at present. And further, there is very much to be said, on the face of it, for this view. On the other hand, it is urged by Temperance politicians whose arguments are of the greatest weight, that the tendency of the measure is uneound and demoralising, and that its working will in the majority of cases place the Anti-Liquor traffic party in a more helpless position than hitherto. Under these urgent circumstances is it too much to ask that our Prohibition Temperance bodies, our Order, and the Alliance, shall not only exhaustively examine, on its own merits, the known features of this offered Local Option measure, and clearly ascertain whether, viewed in its indirect and after effects as well as the more obvious, it is calculated to work for *gain* or *loss* to the Prohibition cause,—but that they shall formulate and publish their verdict in resolutions that may be quoted as carrying the weight of the body? It is only so that those amongst us whose long experience at once of municipal and county government and of the tactics of the Anti-Liquor struggle enables them to forecast clearly the actual working of the measure, can with real effect reach, inform, and guide the mass of the membership. It is only so that these leading societies can raise a standard, which will tend to unite the Temperance Party in a common policy with regard to the scheme, against the time when Parliament is called on to deal with it. A single word, so to speak, will do what is needed;—witness the declaration passed at the late Conference at Sheffield, of the Northern branch of the National Temperance Federation, which resolved that "a mere transfer of authority from the magistrates to Town Councils, or to any body proposed to be created under a Local Government Bill, would rather INCREASE [the emphasis is my own] the evil complained of." I know of no similarly straight deliverance on the merits of the measure passed by any of the National Temperance bodies. Our own Grand Lodge has gone no further than declaring (last session) that no measure not comprehending a direct veto is adequate or satisfactory—a dictum sadly ambiguous and inadequate in view of the needs of the occasion. A measure may be inadequate and unsatisfactory, and yet be a gain and deserve support as far as it goes, or it *may* be no gain at all, or even a distinct *loss*. But it is just on these very points between which the rank-and-file member is here left to decide in the dark, that he urgently needs accurate guidance for practical purposes. He probably does not need telling that the scheme is inadequate, not nearly so efficient as the Direct Veto; what he wants to know is, what is its worth if the Direct Veto cannot be had, and as compared, not with the veto, but with the present system which it is proposed to exchange for it. With both political parties and a large section of the Temperance party itself opposed to the veto, no one dare calculate on its falling to us for the asking; and his question, therefore, still recurs—What is to be thought and done about this Government measure which is designed for us whether we ask for it or not? Am I (he virtually asks the Order he belongs to) to regard this transference of licensing powers to local government bodies as a good thing as far as it goes, a "half-loaf," a little *help*, and give it my support; or am I to view it as a little (or perhaps in its consequences not a little) *blow* to the cause, and do my

utmost to prevent its becoming law? Practically — and in view of the rumoured general election not long hence — should a candidate who will vote for it in Parliament be on that account *more* or *less* acceptable to me and my "Temperance Hundred"? To such urgent questioning the Sheffield resolution alone, so far as I know, gives a square answer: no sane man sends up representatives to "*increase*" an evil. The effect of the want of such clear guidance as to the character of the measure (whether in one direction or the other) has been painfully shown in the incoherency and dislocation that have characterised the policy of the Order ever since the scheme has been before the country. I have been lately assured, on the authority of one who should know, if anyone does, that the mind of our G.L. on the Government measure is accurately represented by the Sheffield resolution; and certainly the recommendation passed at last G.L. Session to electors to withhold their votes from any but Direct Veto candidates is, to say the least, consistent with this view. But, for want of grounding this recommendation upon any condemnation of the substitute measure offered by Government, such as that of the Sheffield resolution, it has remained, to a very great extent, a dead letter. Good Templars and Alliance men have toiled up and down the country to send men to Parliament expressly because they were pledged—if the Sheffield Conference was right—to "increase the evil complained of," and this with the concurrence in many cases of some of our highest authorities. Who does not recall the circulars of our D.E.S.'s—"Brethren are recommended to vote for Mr. A. B., who will support Local Option [the Government scheme], though he declines to vote for the Direct Veto.'

Our leading Prohibition papers have pointed with triumph to their lists of the "Temperance party" returned to the new Parliament, in which Government "Local Optionists" figure indiscriminately with "Direct Vetoists," a sort of "happy family" arrangement, in which, *if* the Sheffield resolution speaks truth, one half is to increase the evils which the other labours to lessen.

Now all this is not the language and conduct of a great Order which intelligently *believes* that the mere transference measure would increase the difficulties of the Prohibition cause: it is rather the course to be expected from a membership left on this point to any influences that may reach them and who, consequently, for the most part follow almost inevitably the old rallying cry, 'Local Option,' to whatever measures it may become attached. If the best-informed men in the Order really are in agreement, broadly speaking, with the judgment of the Sheffield Conference, is it not time to speak out and to get the Order to speak out? If the intended measure be a dangerous one, what are we doing to avert it? Hitherto we have done little but weary Government with entreaties to produce it and send up plenty of M.P.'s to vote for it. What are we going to do when it is produced? "Pass the Direct veto as well," I hear it said. By all means if we are strong enough—a large "*if*"—only, in that case, why submit, in addition, to a retrograde licensing scheme? But suppose we do not get the Direct Veto—again what is to be done with the licensing measure? Reject it? How can we assume that it will then be in our power to reject it? It would be folly to talk as though it was only for our benefit—the Anti-Liquor Party—that the change is designed, and that if we decline it the thing is at an end. The Government has other interests besides ours to think of. And, unfortunately, a large section of the Temperance world itself are at present prepared to support it, even to those worst features—"Compensation," and the like—indicated by the Home Secretary, to which it so readily lends itself.

No; if we do *not* want to see licensing powers conferred on Town Councils and County Boards; if we really think that it would prove, like the Grocers' Licences Bill, in effect a hostile, though perhaps a well-intentioned, measure, the work of prevention must be done *now*, by all the usual methods of public attack. And it can only be begun by the outspoken opposition of our Order and its kindred societies.

PROHIBITION.

IRISH SUNDAY CLOSING AND HOME RULE.— A deputation representing the Dublin publicans, had an interview on Monday night last with Mr. Parnell, and urging him to oppose the Sunday Closing Bill for Ireland should it be introduced, on the ground that as Home Rule is to be granted immediately, the alien Parliament should not further meddle in the matter. Mr. Parnell promised to lay the views of the deputation before his colleagues.

WHY SOME FOREIGNERS ARE EMPLOYED.—Mr. Arrol, contractor for the Forth and Tay Bridges, said at a soirée at Dundee, on March 26 that drink was the greatest curse he had to contend with among Scotch and English workers at Forth Bridge, and solely for that reason he had to employ Belgians and Italians to sink large caissons. It was not because they were better men, but because they were more steady." A sad but true commentary, we fear, upon the great majority of our wage-earning class.

MR. W. S. CAINE.—At a crowded meeting of Liberals, held in the Cambridge Hall, Barrow-in-Furness, last week, Mr. W. S. Caine was unanimously and with great heartiness chosen the Liberal candidate at the ensuing bye-election. Mr. Caine, who is connected with some of the large industries of the neighbourhood, is looked upon as a strong candidate, and we hope his attempt will prove successful. It is rumoured that should the Secretaryship of the Local Government Board become vacant and Mr. Caine be successful, he will have the post offered to him.

BISMARCK'S SPIRIT MONOPOLY BILL.— On March 26 the German Reichstag rejected the Spirit Monopoly Bill in detail. Having first negatived by 181 votes to 66 a motion of Herr von Kardorff for referring the measure back to the committee, the House threw out the first two paragraphs, containing the essential provisions of the bill, by 181 votes to 3 (37 members abstaining from voting), and finally rejected the remaining paragraphs without discussion. The Imperial Chancellor had intimated during the debate that were the measure rejected, it would be necessary to introduce a licence-tax in Prussia.

THE DURHAM SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.—Among the opposing notices on the paper in regard to the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, Mr. Agg-Gardner proposes that the committee on the bill have power to make provision for giving reasonable compensation to those who may be compelled to close their houses by reason of the bill; Mr. Milvain has blocked the measure; Mr. Gent-Davis thinks it is inexpedient, having regard to the avowed intentions of the leaders on both sides to deal with the whole licensing question in a County Board's Bill, that special facilities should be given to deal with the subject in a piecemeal fashion; and Mr. Henniker Heaton is to propose that no measure restraining the sale of liquors on Sunday will be complete which does not include the closing of clubs.

LOCAL OPTION VAGARIES.—We are glad that an esteemed contributor has raised a very important question for the consideration of the Political Action Committee of our Grand Lodge, and for the Grand Lodge itself, in an article we have placed in our leading columns. With the main drift of that article we are in hearty sympathy, and, if space will permit, we hope to say something on the subject in our next issue. We do not confirm every statement in the article. For example, "Prohibition" has ignored Mr. McLagan's Bill and Mr. Stafford Howard's Bill, by intimating that the Government proposals are the only measure of Local Option before Parliament. With respect to the "powerful Government," that, too is a somewhat uncertain qualification at the present moment. Neither are we aware, as "Prohibition" seems to be, that all the M.P.'s who have expressed themselves favourable to some form of Local Option are committed to the Government proposals. But with the Sheffield resolution we are in cordial agreement, and we cannot too strongly emphasise the importance of informing the public mind of the dangers of legalising an elective licensing authority, especially with the possibility of having the increased evil fastened upon us without securing that control which can only be obtained by the direct local veto. Our contributor has also, we think, somewhat unduly ignored the very plain and direct expression of opinion which has been given in our leading columns on this subject.

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

"DE GEODE TRUOW" Lodge, Natal, begins all its sessions with a prayer meeting.

No. 1 of the *Ontario Good Templar* has appeared at Hamilton, Canada, as the organ of our Grand Lodge of Ontario.

PROBABLY THE FIRST GREEKS ever enrolled were recently initiated into the Order at Sydney, a Bro. Funtas translating the service.

BARON CARRINGTON, at his first levée as Governor of New South Wales, received an address of welcome, and declared he gave his warmest support to so valuable an institution as the Good Templar Order.

BRO. W. C. AMERY, of Blandford, formerly D.E.D. for Warwickshire, lectured recently at Poole on "The Workhouse Tap, and how to stop it." Long reports appeared in the papers next day, and, to use our brother's own words, the whole affair has "set the Guardians by the ears." He also succeeded in carrying a Local Option resolution, against the secretary of the Liberal Association, in the Debating Club.

A TEMPERANCE POET.—Lancashire boasts three living men of humble birth, whose poetical genius —mainly manifested in the Lancashire dialect—is beyond dispute; but in neither case have their brilliant talents yielded those pecuniary results which they merited. Something has, however, been done to supply this deficiency. One of the poets, Edwin Waugh, has had a pension granted to him. The second, Bob Brierley, has received a testimonial of over £600. The third, Samuel Laycock, of Blackpool, is a veteran total abstainer, who is now over 60 years of age, and is in failing health. He is the author of very many sterling Temperance pieces, and of other Lancashire poems of sterling worth, the most charming of which is "Welcome Bonny Bird," probably the finest bit of Lancashire poesy in existence. His ability is fairly illustrated in the Good Templar War Song which appears in another column. It is now proposed to present him with a substantial testimonial, and it is hoped that Temperance people will assist in the project. The Mayor of Blackpool is president of the Testimonial Committee. The late Mr. Hugh Mason in sending £25 to it properly said:—"He is the poet of the people in every sense of the word, and his pen has been ever ready for the promotion of the welfare of our country." The secretary of the fund is Mr. Samuel Bancroft, 53, Adelaide-street, Blackpool.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Question.—Can a member who has been proposed and seconded for office decline to go to the ballot?

Answer.—In Grand Lodge, where he can only be nominated after consenting to stand, he must stand at least one balloting. In the lower bodies, where no prior consent is required by law, he can decline even before a ballot.

Question.—What sub-officers must be at least Second Degree members?

Answer.—The W.C.T. and W.M.; and the W.C.T. must have also served a prior term in some other office. The Lodge may, by bye-law, impose degree qualifications for any or all offices.

Question.—How is a tie by ballot to be decided?

Answer.—By balloting again till a change is made or one withdraws. There can be no casting vote in a tie ballot.

Question.—Can a Lodge elect officers on the last night in the quarter, without first adopting bye-law to that effect?

Answer.—No. If it makes such a bye-law it can, but the installation cannot take place till the first night of the new quarter.

Question.—If a W.C.T. puts a motion and asks "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" and no response is made, is the motion to be dropped or is it to be put to the vote?

Answer.—No response is imperative, although those ready to vote might wisely call "Question." The motion should be put to the vote if no member rises to speak.

Question.—When a Lodge, by vote, allows one of its members to sit in it without the password, has such member the right to speak and vote.

Answer.—A Lodge has no right to allow any of its members to sit without the password. If the member can sit in his Lodge he can also speak and vote in it.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The division in the House of Commons on the second reading of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill is, to Temperance reformers, one of the most encouraging signs of the present day. It clearly shews that when the House is allowed to divide upon questions affecting the social and moral well-being of the people, the majority are decidedly in favour of prohibitive measures. Another instance is found in the manner in which Mr. Stansfeld's resolution was recently adopted. And it is to be hoped the course thus entered upon will be continued in, and that in future Parliament will make it clear to all that it can in no way sanction vice and wrong-doing in high or low places.

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It should also be noted that the two Government whips, Messrs. A. Morley and Majoribanks, were the tellers for the majority. This, I think, is the first time that the representatives of the ruling party have ever acted in such a capacity for a similar measure introduced by private members.

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The large majority obtained by Mr. Theodore Fry for his Bill has given encouragement to the promoters of the Cornwall Sunday Closing Bill. Every effort will be put forth to carry this measure through Parliament this Session, and as the evidence in its favour is quite as conclusive as that for the Durham Bill, I see no reason why these endeavours should not meet with the desired success.

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I am glad that our G.W.C.T.'s excellent paper is to be reproduced in pamphlet form, for it deserves to be circulated throughout the United Kingdom. Above all it should be carefully studied by writers for the public Press, as the information contained therein might prevent a repetition of such blunders as have recently been perpetrated. These gentlemen who are anxious to instruct the public in things social and political, cannot rid their minds of such pet fallacies as "unearned increment," "vested interests," &c., &c. They do not hesitate to say that drink traffickers have a right to compensation, but fail to prove from whence this right is derived.

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Thus the *Daily News* in an article upon this question a few days ago expresses its surprise that when the Canadian Parliament dealt with the matter in 1878 and 1883 the principle of compensation received no attention from the Conservative Government of the Dominion. It is also remarked that any application of the local veto system to English parishes should be limited by this so-called principle. The legal opinions quoted by Bro. Malins conclusively prove that such a "principle" has no existence in fact, and I am surprised at the *Daily News* lending itself to the advocacy of something altogether contrary to law and justice.

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The pages of English history contain many instances where money has been voted to persons for services (a few real but many imaginary) rendered to the State. In some cases men have received large sums for slaying their fellow-creatures; and others have been rewarded because they were treacherous to the trust committed to them. Let us hope our country's record will not be further darkened with an acknowledgment that men should be rewarded if communities decline to grant them licence to spread misery, disease, crime, and desolation throughout the land.

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An interesting communication on the Temperance movement in Sweden appeared in the *Pall Mall Gazette* of Saturday last. It is from the pen of Zadel Barnes Gustafson, and states that the Good Templar movement of to-day is the most important that has ever taken place in Sweden. At the present time there appears to be a strong contest going on between the members of the Order and the Socialists, both parties claiming to have the same end in view, but advocating different modes of its attainment. The most significant passage in the article is that which refers to the opposition encountered by our Order, and the source from whence it springs, viz., the clergy.

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An idea of the strength of the opposing party may be gained from the fact that from time immemorial the spiritual leaders of the country "have talked and preached the virtues of drink, and wrote voluminously in its defence, and utterly opposed abstinence on every occasion." The clerical party is the most powerful in Sweden, and their antagonism the most formidable that can be brought to bear against any movement. The championship of liquordom is not confined to the local clergy, but is also claimed by the bishops. One of these in a recent pastoral states that education and the social amenities of refined life are inseparable from the use of punch, the dance, and cards, and declares "that the overthrow of the social drinking habits would involve the overthrow of the educated classes, and place the State at the mercy of the rabble who gather under the flag of Abstinence!" What should we think if one of our bishops wrote in this strain?

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The *Alliance News* every week, under the heading "Fruits of the Traffic," recites a number of dark deeds performed whilst men and women are under the influences of strong drink. These are mostly culled from the daily and weekly Press, and the horrors they reveal are enough to make every right-thinking person refuse to have aught to do with so destructive an agent. But such reports as these, together with the police and other returns issued by the Government, indicate but a tittle of the deadly work ever in progress through this common enemy

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How many homes are there to-day where, but for the drink, health, happiness, and peace might be reigning supreme instead of sorrow and despair? Some of us are life abstainers, yet we have felt the blows this monster can inflict, and carry in our bodies the fruit of others' dissipation. Our hearts are also made to bleed for the sufferings of many dear ones, the brightness of whose lives has been for ever swept away because of the wrong-doing of those who should have loved and protected them. Only a few days ago I learnt of a case which exactly illustrates the above.

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About five years ago a young lady, a flower as fair as ever bloomed upon God's earth, was wooed and won by a man who promised to love, cherish, and protect her so long as he should live. The relatives of the bride believed they were giving their darling to an honourable man, and up to the last few weeks it was not known their trust was misplaced. The country home was exchanged for a London one, and the first few months of married life were very bright. Gradually, however, the husband began to absent himself from home till late at night, when he would return the worse for drink. The young wife remonstrated lovingly, reform was promised, and for a time all went well. But the old habits were soon resumed, and neither the attractions of home, wife nor child availed against them.

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What was the result? Instead of the money (his situation was worth nearly £200 a year) finding its way home, it was wasted in dissipation. For days together the poor woman had hardly anything to eat. Yet when this monster, called a man, came home some nights he would drag her out of bed, cruelly illtreat her, and demand that she should furnish him with a good supper. Three children have been born, one is afflicted with a ricketty spine, and the others are very delicate—all the result of the father's evil life. During all this suffering the wife offered no complaint to her family, for she could not bear to let them know her husband had proved so false. But by the merest accident the news reached the mother's ears. She came to London, took them by surprise, found all she had heard was only too true, and did not leave the house without her daughter, who is now with friends whose loving care is gradually restoring her shattered health.

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Another case. Only this week I have stood by the open grave of a young man cut off in the flower of his manhood, leaving behind a young widow. Yes, it is the drink again. A few years ago he thought he would see life, and gave himself up to every form of worldly pleasure. Two years since he put the brake on, and tried to reform, but the drink had done its work and the seeds of disease were sown. For the last few months his life has been slowly ebbing away, and a fortnight ago a severe cold was taken, and the weakened constitution succumbed. Speaking to his brother four days before his death, he said, "Oh, Bob, keep straight, for I have proved that what a man sows that shall he also reap."

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These are but a specimen of what is daily taking place in our midst. They call to us with a trumpet voice, to push on our warfare against the drink with renewed energy and vigour, and to spare no effort until this terrible curse is swept away for ever.

Free Lance.

"I AM A TEMPLAR."

"Max," the writer of the Parliamentary report of the *Echo*, referred as follows to Bro. John Wilson and the part he took in the debate on the second reading of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill.

"How the House of our fathers, or grandfathers, would have stared at an honourable Member who, standing coolly up in his place, should make, unabashed, the above confession, in the equivalent language of the period! And how they would have gone on staring had the Member, still unabashed, proceeded to confess that he was under a solemn mandate—from his constituents—to promote the Templar cause, and that he must ask the House to ordain that for her Majesty's liege there shall be no cakes and ale on Sundays—at least, in the taverns. This is what Mr. John Wilson, Member for the Houghton Division of Durham, did in the House of Commons last night. There was, indeed, nothing new in the feat. But there was some degree of novelty in the style of it. The appearance of the Wilfrid Lawsons and the Wilsons in the House of Commons shews what enormous strides the Temperance cause has made since the comparatively recent times when, as a matter of course, every gentleman made himself dead drunk after dinner, and when, too, insurance agencies would have nothing to say to an applicant who did not drink. Mr. John Wilson is in more ways than one a living illustration of the change which has come about in *personnel* and the ideals of Democratic Parliaments. Ex-sailor lad, pitman, Methodist preacher, miners' Unionist, all in one, he is a *primipilus* of the multitudinous army whom our bibulous ancestors aforesaid would have contemptuously regarded as the Goths and Vandals of politics."

WILSON V. MILVAIN.

"The occasion of the brief passage of arms between the two was the second reading of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, moved by Mr. Fry, who said that 15 out of 16 Durham Members were in favour of it, and that the petitioners for it were eight times as numerous as those against it. Mr. Milvain, in moving the rejection of the Bill, declared that not half-a-dozen men among the 2,000 whom he personally canvassed, in a constituency of 2,305 (Durham City), made their acceptance of his candidature conditional upon his support of the Closing Bill. Mr. Wilson bluntly retorted that he knew the Durham people better than Mr. Milvain did, and that, instead of Mr. Milvain's half-dozen, or rather less, he could find, at a moment's notice, 600 or 700 who would contend for Sunday closing through thick and thin. "I am one of your constituents," said Mr. Wilson; "and the next time you go canvassing, and call upon be, as I suppose you must, I'll give you ocular proof of what I say." The personal directness, the unadorned candour, the homeliness of this new Parliamentary style of address—and its occasional awkwardness too, as when the speaker described how he knew Durham and its chapels, and all its churches, and "all its cathedrals!"—reminded one of a miner seriously arguing with a "chum" at the street corner. And I think it would have seemed the most natural thing in the world if Mr. Wilson had pointed with his forefinger to the Tory side of the House, nodded shrewdly at his opponent and fellow-senator, Mr. Milvain, and said, "You bet, lad."

Commenting on the special G.L. Session held at Northampton, the *Northampton Guardian* says:—Then we have had the Grand Lodge of the Good Templar Order held here for the first time. There is a good deal about Good Templary which I do not understand—its regalia of various colours, its orders, its secrecy. But there can be no doubting the fact that it is a splendid organisation—the most powerful and wide-spread in the world for the promotion of the principle and practice of Temperance. Its constitution, too, is the best I know of—far better than the "glorious constitooshun" which some loud-voiced demagogues prattle about. It is an absolute democracy where equality and fraternity are the ruling watchwords, and liberty is only restricted by enjoining against drinking and the breaking of the rules of the Order. It is masonic in its universal brotherhood, women are placed on an equal footing with the "lords of creation," and as for its organic power, I do not think it would be too much to say that the Temperance reforms, actual and contemplated, are principally due to its efforts. The holding of a Session of the Grand Lodge of this important body in our borough, is an event worth chronicling.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

March 25.—Irish Sunday Closing.

Mr. John Morley, in reply to Mr. Theodore Fry, said it would be more convenient if he deferred until Monday, stating whether it was the intention of her Majesty's Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to bring in a bill similar to that mentioned in the Queen's Speech opening the Session of 1884, and subsequently introduced by the then Chief Secretary for Ireland, making the Irish Sunday Closing Act of 1878 permanent, and extending its provisions to the five cities and town exempted from its full operations.

March 26.—Sale of Liquors in the Transkei.

Mr. Valentine asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether the proclamation made by the Government of Cape Colony, allowing the sale of intoxicating drinks in the Transkei is still in force, or if it has been withdrawn; and if the latter, what was the date of the withdrawal?

Mr. Osborne Morgan said the sale of spirituous liquors to natives was prohibited by proclamation, which was still in force, unless they could produce a magistrate's permit. The sale of other liquors to natives, except under certain conditions, was strictly forbidden.

March 29.—Sunday Closing in Ireland.

Mr. John Morley, in reply to Mr. Theodore Fry, said it was a little too early in the Session to say positively whether it was the intention of her Majesty's Government during the present session of Parliament to bring in a bill making the Irish Sunday Closing Act of 1878 permanent, and extending its provisions to the five cities and towns exempted from its full operation; but they confidently hoped to bring in a measure similar to that introduced by the then Chief Secretary for Ireland the year before last.

BILL TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS TO CHILDREN.

The following are the terms of Mr. C. A. V. Cunybeare's bill, which was down for second reading on Friday, April 2:—

"Be it enacted, &c.:

"Every holder of a licence who sells, or allows any person to sell, any description of intoxicating liquors to any description of person, under the age of 13 years, shall be liable to a penalty, not exceeding 20s. for the first offence, and not exceeding 40s. for the second, and any subsequent offence.

"For the purposes of all legal proceedings required to be taken under the foregoing section, this Act shall be construed as one Act with the Licensing Acts, 1872-1874.

"This Act shall not extend to Scotland (*as it is already in operation under the Forbes' Mackenzie Act, including Children up to fourteen years*).

"This Act may be cited for all purposes as 'The Intoxicating Liquors Bill, Protection of Children, 1886.'

"This Act shall commence and come into operation on the day on which it becomes law."

The Bill is also "backed" by Bro. H. Cossham, Mr. T. Fry, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Allison, Mr. O. V. Morgan, and Mr. Channing.

The committee promoting this bill includes, amongst other gentlemen, the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar, Canon Fleming, the Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh, Rev. J. R. Diggle (chairman London School Board), Samuel Morley, Esq., William Fowler, Esq., W. I. Palmer, Esq., and J. E. Tressidder, Esq.

The Thirsty Apprentice.—During the dinner-hour at a Tyneside factory, an apprentice complained of an insatiable thirst. "Aa had ower much beer last neet," he remarked, "an' aa's as dry as a harrin'—that dry aa's aalmeyst chowkin'." "Had away to the tap, then, an' get a drink," said a companion; "the dinnor hoor's not up yit." "Gan on, thou fyul," he replied, "think aa's ganning to drink wettor i' me aan time?—not me! aa'll wait till the buzzor blaas!"

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT IN SWEDEN.

On March 16 a petition, signed by 208,827 of his subjects, asking for the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic was handed to King Oscar, of Sweden. In other words, almost 13 per cent. of the entire population, or about one-third of the adult population of Sweden, have petitioned the king for the total suppression of the liquor traffic. The settlement of this question is in Sweden a royal prerogative, therefore, the king can suppress the trade whenever he chooses, and, as some of King Oscar's predecessors have temporarily suppressed it, he has precedents for such a course, although he would be the first to do it at the instance of a general popular demand.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

TEMPERANCE AT THE ANTIPODES.

The New Licensing Act of Victoria, came into operation on February 1 last. Only two of the new sections will have immediate practical effect. These are the provisions dealing with the strict prohibition of Sunday trading, and the earlier closing of hotel bars at night.

In response to a deputation from the Local Optionists of New South Wales, who waited upon him, Sir John Robertson (the Premier) suggested the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole question of the drink traffic of the Colony. He undertook to use his influence with the Executive Council to have a commission appointed without delay, and upon whose report future legislation might be framed.

A movement is on foot in Brisbane, Queensland, to promote a coffee palace company, with a capital of £60,000.

Bro. T. W. Glover arrived in Wellington, New Zealand, on February 1, to fulfil a three years' engagement with the Temperance Alliance. He proceeded to Auckland to assist the Temperance party in the forthcoming licensing sessions.—*Australian Times, and Anglo New Zealander, March* 26.

NOTES FROM NAPLES.

An Italian official of a Freemasons' Lodge at Naples lately wrote to the G.W.C.T. inquiring about the Order, and although they have not directly taken up our work, they have indicated willingness to begin in another direction. This is clear from a letter to hand from Bro. Stephen Burrowes, the English Sailors' Missionary at Naples, who writes:—"I am the only Good Templar in this part of the world, and before coming out here I took an active part in the cause in Scotland. The Lodge formed, through a religious movement in Stornoway Isle and Lewes, reformed that island, and the Band of Hope and Lodge at Fort William, N.B., was in the face of the powerful opposition from the proprietor of the whisky, known as 'Long Tom.' For 20 years I advocated the cause of Temperance in the United Kingdom, associated with Captain Brotchie, of Greenock, ex-Mayor Thompson, Bridgwater, and others. The Freemasons of Naples received a communication from you, with printed statements, which they sent to me, assuring me of their earnest support and promising to take up the subject of the social evils in this city, which are more dreadful than recent revelations in our own country. The English residents here all drink wine at their meals, but a number are members of our Sailors' Rest Society. The Sailors' Rests are affiliated with the Seamen's Temperance League, and that is a branch of the National Temperance League. Rests are urgently needed in many parts; for this we plead before the Temperance men and women of England. £3,000 is needed for all our purposes."

Importance of Washing at Home.—This can be done with ease and economy and the clothes made beautifully sweet, wholesome, lily-white, and fresh as sea breezes, by using Hudson's Extract of Soap, avoiding all risk of contagion with infected clothes at Laundries, or where the washing is put out. No fraying of the clothes as hard rubbing, scrubbing, brushing, or straining is unnecessary. No rotting of the clothes as when bleaching chemicals are used. The Dirt slips away, and wear and tear, labour and fuel are saved. Hudson's Extract of Soap is a pure Dry Soap, in fine powder, rapidly soluble, lathers freely, softens water. A perfect Hard-water Soap, a Cold-water Soap, a Soft-water Soap, a Hot-water Soap. Unrivalled as a purifying agent. Sold Everywhere, in Packets, One Penny and upwards.—[Advt.]

ATTENDANCE AT LODGE MEETINGS.

A. S. Draper, P.G.W.C.T.

The one thing of greatest importance to the efficiency of a Good Templar Lodge is that the members should attend the meetings regularly and promptly. No person can be a real Good Templar unless he attends Lodge constantly and refuses to permit little matters to keep him from going. If your Lodge is slimly attended, the first thing for you to do is to devise some means to get out your membership. Do you ask what you shall do? I answer, that depends upon your different circumstances. Agitate the matter, think about it. Determine what course will accomplish the thing in your Lodge, and then go and do it with all the energy you can command.

I will tell you what one Lodge did. Things had got in bad shape. There were more than 50 members on the books, but they never had more than 10 or a dozen present at the Lodge meeting. They began to imagine that the Lodge was meeting upon an unfavourable evening, and so they changed to another evening, but it did not mend matters. Every body was discouraged. Talk of surrendering the charter was indulged in. The crisis drew on. They must do something or give up the ship. As a last resort the few faithful ones determined upon this course. They prepared a written pledge, something like the following:—

"I hereby agree, with all others whose signatures shall appear upon this paper, that I will attend every meeting of ——— Lodge, No.——, I.O. of G.T., unless I am prevented by circumstances beyond my control, and also that I will be present punctually at the hour when the Lodge should open, and that I will do what I can to contribute to the interest and prosperity of said Lodge."

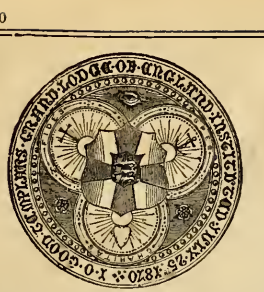
A committee was appointed to visit every member of the Lodge, talk with him about the matter, and secure his signature, if possible. The work of the committee was thoroughly performed, and was quite successful. More than half the members signed the paper. They also kept their promise good. The Lodge-room was creditably filled again. Meetings became interesting, members who had refused help under the supposition that the Lodge must die, finding that they were labouring under a mistake, began to come back. New members came in and the institution became popular again, and, though it is several years since this method was adopted, that Lodge has been strong and substantial ever since. It is now in good condition, a credit to the Order, a pleasure to its members, and a benefit to the community in which it exists. If it so happens that your Lodge is labouring under the shadow of an indifferent membership, let me urge you not to be discouraged. Work will win. Thought and determination will bring success in Good Templary, as in everything else.

Bro. Duncan S. Miller with his Band of Royal Handbell Ringers have arrived in Gothenburg for a tour through Sweden. The *Svenska Good Templar* contains a letter from the G.W.C.T., J. Malins, warmly commending them to the membership.

Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., Middlesex, writes to say that although present at the London Olive Branch Lodge, when a paper was read in favour of dividing the Middlesex D.L., he was certainly not in accord with the views expressed, as the report in our last issue might lead readers to suppose.—Another correspondent also calls our attention to the fact that two or three brethren spoke against the proposal, so that all present could not be in favour of a division.

English Opium Eaters.—Dr. O'Hanlon, the medical officer of health to the Spennymoor Local Board, has reported that a great source of disease in that district is the excessive use of intoxicants amongst men, and the equally reprehensible consumption of opium amongst the wives of pitmen especially. The medical officer points out in emphatic language, says the *Sanitary Record*, that a result of a continuance in these pernicious practices must naturally result in the deterioration of the race.

An Anti-Treating Bill.—An Anti-Treating Bill has passed one branch of the Washington Territory Legislature. It prohibits any person from treating or entertaining "gratuitously" any other person or persons to or with spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, or any other beverage whatever, in any public bar-room, saloon, beer-hall, or grocery in this territory, or in any other public place of resort or amusement." The penalty is a fine of not less than 2dol. nor more than 25dol., or imprisonment not less than five or more than 20 days, or both



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G.W.C.T.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

It is most requisite that all questions of law sent to the G.W.C.T. for answers be sent through the L.D. or District Deputy. Such questions cannot be taken as deciding cases which have already occurred.

Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tax from District Lodges for the February quarter received during the week as follows :—

1886.	£	s.	d.
March 19.—Hants, S.	10	18	10
„ 22.—Grenada	0	8	10
„ 23.—Cornwall, E. (balance)	0	0	2
„ 23.—Derby	5	2	3
„ 23.—Cornwall, W.	1	12	3
„ 30.—Lincoln (balance)	0	3	0
„ 30.—Yorks, N.	3	1	4
	21	6	8

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All telegrams for the G.W.C.T. or the G.W.Sec. sent to Birmingham, should in future be addressed,

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as this address has been registered at the Post Office.

John B. Collings,
Hon. G.W.Sec.

G.E.S.'s OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Reports from the following Districts have not yet come to hand. Will the respective D.E.S.'s please note and forward immediately, or it will be too late to notice them in the Annual Report :—Beds., Berks, Bucks, Cambridge, Cheshire, E. and M., Cornwall, E., Cornwall, W., Cumberland, W. Derby, Devon, N., Essex, Gloucester, W., Gloucester, N.W., Hants., S., Hereford, Hunts., Kent, E., Kent, M., Lancashire, N., Lancashire, N.E., Lancashire, S., Lancashire, S.E., Leicester, Monmouth, Norfolk, Northampton, N., Northampton, S., Nottiogham, Oxford, Salop, Somerset, M., Somerset, W., Stafford, Suffolk, Surrey, W., Sussex, Warwick, Wiltshire, Worcester, Yorks., E. Yorks., Central, Yorks., Cleveland, Yorks., N.W., Naval.

John Kemister, G.E.S.,
3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, E.C.

ANNUAL SESSION OF GRAND LODGE, NEWPORT, MON., 1886.

It is particularly requested that all applications for accommodation should reach Bro. W. Jones, 14, Arthur-street, Newport, Mon., not later than April 6, as attention cannot be guaranteed after that date.

N.B.—Under no circumstances should anyone *take it for granted* that accommodation will be found unless applied for.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Bible Temperance Educator : Organ of the Bible Temperances Association. Edited by the Rev. John Pyper. Vol. v., Is. London, 337, Strand. This volume includes most valuable articles by the editor, Dr. Dawson Burns, Dr. Norman Kerr, Dr. F. R. Lees, Dr. William Ritchie, the late Dr. Nott, and others. Some of these are replies to opponents, and have the spice of controversy, always more inspirited than spontaneous disquisitions. Even Dr. Dawson Burns reads better when answering a critic, and Dr. Lees strikes sparks under similar circumstances. It seems to us that men get warmer in discussing their Bible differences than on any other subject. Naturally, when we know we are right we are apt to get impatient with our opponents, and to wonder how they can be so stupid. Students of Bible Temperance can hardly do without this volume, and devotees of the new phase of Gospel Temperance will find here something to ground them in their faith and give stamina to their zeal, for Bro. Pyper's moving and main contention is that Christ is in the Temperance movement as its source and authority, and it is essential that in this as in all things He may have the pre-eminence. The volume ie interspersed with such varieties as short readings, anecdotes, tit-bits, and recitations.

A Woman on Tobacco is the title of a penny pamphlet published by the Anti-Narcotic League, 56, Peter-street, Manchester, and is a paper which was read by Mrs. Arthur Arnold at the annual conference of the league, under the presidency of the late Mr. Hugh Mason, M.P. The cost of tobacco, its general effects, and its dangers, are very ably and tersely treated.

Reveries in Rhyme is a medley of musings for the million grave, gay, and grotesque, by John Duncan Richardson Hull : C. H. Barnwell, Bond-street, Saville-street. The writing of these reveries has doubtless kept the author out of mischief. He says it has solaced him many a weary hour, and if only his rhymes brighten other lives, his ambition will be abundantly gratified. Temperance sentiment pervades the poems, and there is considerable merit and variety in the collection.

The Banner of Temperance.—A collection of original verses by a member of the Dresden Victory Lodge, I.O.G.T. 1s. London and Manchester: John Heywood.—Reciters looking for something new and original will find a number of pleasing pieces in this little volume.

Slings and Stones for Temperance Warriors. By W. Stanyon, Leicester. 1d. Gibbons, King-street, Leicester. Fully sensible of the power of the press, Mr. Stanyon has contributed to a local paper, week by week for a year, most telling facts, arguments, and statistics, in simple and terse language, often depicting some striking incident of local interest such as too often occurs everywhere else ; and these pithy and pointed contributions are now collected into 64 well printed pages, stitched in a cover, and offered to the public for one penny. The profit can only be to the purchaser and the reader ; it cannot be in money to the author or publisher. This little pamphlet is a veritable storehouse and armoury ; and the earnest and plodding Temperance worker will do well to get a copy for perusal, or better still a dozen or 100 for circulation. We have seen nothing like it. Buy it, read it, give it away.

Communion Wine. By the Rev. James Smith, M.A., author of "The Temperance Reformation and the Christian Church." London : 337, Strand, W.C. ; 6d.—In this treatise the author has dealt exclusively with the subject in a manner evidencing considerable study and research. Mr. Smith is eminently qualified for the task, and the careful student of his work will be well armed to defend a plea for purity in the Christian Church against all comers, whether on the ground of Scripture authority, example, expediency, or common-sense. If Gospel Temperance be worthy the name, it surely is time that the thousands of its converts should begin to recognise the obligation it imposes, and so long as we keep the cup of devils on the Table of the Lord, the world may well note our inconsistency, and say how little we value the principle we profess, and which in so vital a particular we impiously violate. It is high time that we had a new agitation on this subject. A great deal of teaching has been abroad, so much so that we are almost too well-instructed, unless we are prepared to act up to the light we have. Our condemnation must be the greater in proportion as we know what is right, and yet the wrong pursue. We welcome this authoritative text-book, and hope it will stimulate many to action.

Bible or Gospel Temperance : Jesus a Total Abstainer ; the Bible a Total Abstinence Book. By the Rev. John Pyper, editor of the *Bible Temperance Educator*. London, 337, Strand ; 1s.—A masterly treatise, laying the one foundation for true Gospel Temperance. It is high time the Church took its stand with Jesus Christ as their Example and Leader, and strong drink put away for the other side exclusively ; and it is to this end Bro. Pyper furnishes the authorities and arguments of this work.

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Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hamnstead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger. Coffee Palace, Hlch-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Grange Branch. Cong. Schools, Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop. St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 99 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon. 176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood. 32, Besson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCrea. 3 Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road 8.30
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st, Chapel Elgware-rd. N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance. —Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
Marlborough Chap. Sch. &c., Marlboro'-st., College St. Chelsea
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Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martlo-street, Stratford.
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WEDNESDAY

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, King-land-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Worrow-st., Upper Norwood
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St James's-rd., Bermondsey.
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THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Penge Hall, Station-road. Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel. Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road School, Clapham-rd.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Loughborough Park, Brixton.
Heart's Content. 63, Newington Long Acre. 8.15
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
London Ark of Safety. Hicken Academy Sch., Hoxton-st. 8.15.
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park Prim. Meth School, Grayshott-road. 8.15.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
West London Pioneer. Royal Standard Coffee Tavern, Beer-street, Edgwars-road.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, King-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinboro' Castle Coffee Palace, Maddeswell-road, E Greenwood. Tretford Hall, Borough, Stone-st., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 8.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Joyce School, High-street, Shadwell.
Shaftesbury Park. Grayshott-road School, Shaftesbury Park. South London.
Bible Christian School-room. Waterloo-road.
Thomas Carlyle. Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorneloe. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington-st. Freer-st. Islington
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

Aldershot.—Mrs. Stowell's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
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Bedford.—Star W. Harbor. Trinity School-room, Ronse-street,
Blackpool.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
Brighton.—Amor Christi. Friends' Institute, Ship-st. 8.15.
Brighton.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
Brighton.—Queen's Park. Benthum-road Mission Hall.
Epsom.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
Lancaster.—County Palatine arket Hall Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
Leeds.—British Rose. Templars' Miss. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.),
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Ventnor.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
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TUESDAY.

Birmingham.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
Buckingham.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
Cambridge.—Loyal Cambridge, G. T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
Chelmsford.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
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Foots Cray.—Bury Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
Great Yarmouth.—Good Hope. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
Guildford.—Stephen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
Hull.—Paragon. G. T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
Lyceister.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
Manchester.—Tower of Refuge. Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Holme.
Manchester.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
Manchester.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
Plymouth.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
Ryde (I.W.). Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
Saffron Walden.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Bill-st. 8.5.
Sittingbourne.—Father Matthew. Crescent st Sch.-rm. 7.30
Woodford.—Alexander. Wilfrid Lawson Temperance Hotel.

WEDNESDAY.

Bath.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
Brighton.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
Chester.—Gedgon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
Enderby (Leicester).—Charles Arnold. National School-room.
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Southend.—Nil Desperandum. British Schools, High-street
St. Leonards.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
Stone (Staffs.).—Faith and Hope Cong School-room. 7.30.
Wednesbury.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
Weymouth.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
Wisbech.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

Birmingham.—Severn-street Severn-street.
Bolton.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
Chester.—Cestrian. Presbyterian Lecture Room, Newgate-st.
Gravesend.—Star. Public Hall.
Gt. Yarmouth.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
Hull.—Union. Templars' Hall, Posternsgate. 7.30.
Kingston-upon-Hull.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
Leeds.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
Leicester.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
Manchester.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
Portsmouth.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30.
Ramsgate.—Sung Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
Sheffield.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
Spalding.—Hood in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
Stonehouse (Plymouth).—Mt. Edgcumbe. Sailors' Welcome.
Windsor.—Royal Windsor. Templars Hall, St. Leonard's-road.

FRIDAY.

Blackpool.—Gleam of Hope. Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
Barrow.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Sch. Rm., 8.16
Bristol.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
Darnall.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
Folkestone.—Safeguard of Folkestone. Congregational School.
Guildford.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
Hull.—United Effort Club Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
Lowestoft.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
Manchester.—Loyal E. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
New Malden.—Sure Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
Oxford.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
Tunbridge Wells.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
Weymouth.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
Winchester.—Itchen Valley. St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
York.—Harbour of Friendship. Landal School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

Barrow-in-Furness.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
Guildford.—Rescue Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
Manchester.—Corville et Lalacre. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
Plymouth.—Ark of Love. Hope Chapel School-room, Elfring-ton-street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Jersey.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND

Dublin.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

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Monte Video.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
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Alexandria.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
Rawal Pindee.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort. Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
Cairo.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
Colchester.—Stronghold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp, Wed.
Egypt.—Lorne. N.W. Block, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. Supers. Zante.—Rose of the East. Tues.
Portsea.—Portsmouth Garrison. Soldiers' Institute. Sat. 7.
Ramleh (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
Shoeburyness.—Hope of Shoeburyness. Miss. rm., High-st. Mon
Sheerness.—Nvl. Excelsior. Wood's Coffee Ho., Mile To. Fri.
Malta.—Shropshire Guiding Star s., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
Newar.—Homeward Bound, M 13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
Old Brompton.—Red. White and Blue. I.O.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
Portsea.—Nil Desperandum. Cairo Restaurant. Thursday. 7.
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MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

[This column is for notes of progress. Tersely and briefly expressed paragraphs of news, of the institution or restoring of Lodges, and the extension of the Order invited.]

Bath.—A new Lodge was instituted by Bro. J. S. Sturges, D.C.T., on March 27th, at the Studio, near the Abbey. The Lodge is to be called the "Dawn of Liberty," and is numbered 1,974, and will, it is hoped, meet the convenience of those who cannot attend any other night in the week. The following were duly installed as the officers: W.C.T., Bro. W. J. Holbrook; W.V.T., Sister Pratien; W.Sec., Bro. W. Milson; W.F.S., Bro. Ainsworth; W.Treas., Sister Maber; W.M., Bro. Toone; W.Chap., Bro. Cottle; W.Guard, Bro. J. Cantle; W.D.M., Sister Wilkins; W.A.S., Sister Hunt; P.W.C.T., Bro. J. S. Sturges. Bro. John Cantle was recommended as L.D., and Sister Wilkins was elected as Rep. to District Lodge.

Kinosthorpe, Northampton.—On March 23, as one of the results of the Special Session of Grand Lodge held at Northampton on March 15, the Kingsthorpe Star of Hope Lodge was successfully reauscitated. The Lodge was opened at 8.15 by Bro. Abbott, D.C.T., and 11 candidates were duly initiated; three associate members were also admitted. The officers for the quarter were elected and installed, and after a few remarks from several members present, the Lodge closed at 9.50. There were present about 30 members from Northampton, including Bro. Abbott, D.C.T., Sister Muir, D.Co., and Bro. W. Blake, W.D.Sec. The Lodge is about one and a-half miles from Northampton, and the friends there are hopeful of making it a thorough success.

Mid Somerset.—On Friday, March 26, a public meeting was held in the Hallam Hall, Axbridge, in connection with the Order. Some of the members from Winscombe Lodge (two miles off) came to the help of the meeting. Addresses were given by Bro. Bruce, Temperance missionary; Bro. Medhurst, from Weston-super-Mare; Bro. Boyce, D.S.J.T.; and Bro. Clark, from Winscombe. The chair was taken by Bro. Westlake, S.D., from Clevedon, who at the close of the meeting instituted the Axbridge Excelsior Lodge. Three were initiated. Two members of the Lodge at Shepton Mallet having come to live at Axbridge, joined as associates, and five from Winscombe joined in like manner.

North Durham.—Bro. W. H. Richardson, W.D.Sec. and Missionary, reports having visited a number of Lodges during the months of February and March in connection with most of which public meetings were held, and the absentees looked up, the results promise very satisfactory. He has also re-opened the Pioneer of Wingate Grange and the Felling Pioneer Lodges, the former of which had been closed for upwards of six years, and the latter three years; the former was re-opened with 20 members and the latter with 14. Bro. Richardson also addressed a public meeting in Sunderland, under the auspices of the General Havelock Lodge, and presided at two public meetings in South Shields. A greater work might have been done, but owing to the severe snowstorm which prevailed in the District during the early part of March, communication with many of the colliery villages was entirely cut off, the roads being completely blocked up.

Signing the Pledge in Court.—At the Newcastle Police-court, on March 29, there were 54 cases on the charge sheet, and of this number 40 persons were charged with drunkenness. Two of the delinquents were acquitted on expressing their willingness to sign the pledge, and were given cards by Bro. the Rev. A. G. Marment, who also pinned the blue ribbon on their breasts in court.

A Guildford correspondent writes: "At the recent School Board election here, out of the seven candidates returned, four were tectotalers (including one Good Templar), two being at the top of the poll. This is noticeable, considering the breweries and public houses abounding at this place.

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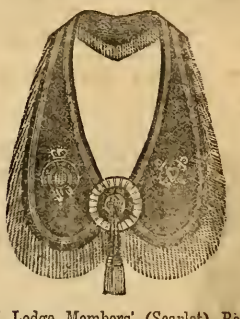

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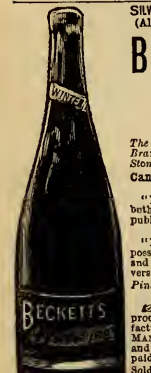

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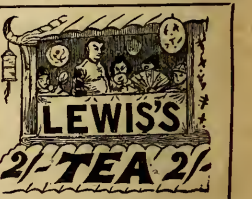

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CHAPTER XXXIII.—*Continued.*

But the ceremony was over, and there was a bustle about the doorway; and Mr. Poppy, who was master of the ceremonies, began to arrange the carriages. A few preliminary vehicles with no body in particular in them were despatched for the purpose of clearing the way, as it were. Then came the open carriage containing the bridegroom and bride. They drove very slowly, and bowed to everybody in a way that pleased all who had any interest in them. We regret for the sake of the lady reader that no fashionable journal described the dress of the bride; and we are ourselves unqualified for so high a theme. As it was on the whole rather a homely wedding, in which the customs of etiquette were by no means strictly observed, the want of such fulsome details will be the less noticed, and the more easily forgiven.

A very old workman, whose remarks on Miss Alice's recovery will be remembered, was standing near the gate with his hat in his hand, smiling all over—

"I feel," he said, "as if I could do without dinner for weeks—just as if I had two or three shillings added to my wages."

"It's not till next week we get's a rise, then," replied the man to whom he spoke.

"Then I gets it twice for your once; for I gets it now in my feelin's and then in my pocket to the bargain."

As the carriage was passing out at the gate near the Hubbards' vehicle, a very smartly dressed and pompous looking elderly person pressed forward and begged the driver to stop. He took off his hat and asked leave to present his dutiful respects.

"I'm proud," he began, "very proud—a—to see this day." (The reader will recognise Mr. Ferule) "And to think, just, that you got your first schoolin' at the seminary of learnin' over which it was my humble dooty to preside. There's just one thing—a—I'm sorry for—a—and that's what I did and said when you jined the Band of Hope. I apologise for that, sir; for I didn't know any better, but now I'm fully convinced—a—that, as our bootiful Liturgy puts it—a, if a man wants to live a *godly and righteous*, he must in the literal sense also live a *sober* life; and no man's sure of being sober, so long as he drinks."

He made a profound bow; both bridegroom and bride shook hands with the good, but eccentric old man, and bade the coachman drive on. As the couple were to proceed on their wedding trip at once, the carriage stopped at the house only so long as was necessary to allow them to put on travelling dress; this done, they resumed their seats in the carriage, which was now closed, and drove off amidst shouting of a very hearty and correspondingly deafening character; and to give proper emphasis to the cheering there was added a very heavy shower of old shoes, during which we beg leave to drop the curtain.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

THE EPILOGUE: IN WHICH A FAMILY SECRET IS DISCLOSED AND THE READER BEING TAKEN INTO CONFIDENCE, IS MADE COMPLETELY HAPPY.

We must refer the reader to the first chapter of this narrative, in order to remind him that the story was originally told to a family party, so much at a time as each evening would conveniently admit. And though many particulars are given in the systematic history now brought to a close which the family doubtless did not receive, still in the main they were presented with the same facts that the reader is possessed of, beginning at the second chapter. We must bring ourselves forward again as at the opening page, to a more recent date, namely, the year 1877, a little before Easter, and find the Wimble family again seated round the table discussing the same matters, only that the head of the household has come to an end of the story and is now engaged satisfying some inquiries which the members of his family make at the conclusion. All were deeply interested. Young moustache was looking so deeply occupied in the conversation that he forgot for some considerable time to fondle the crop of very soft down which was beginning to adorn his upper lip, the practice of attending to which his eldest sister often playfully remarked occupied too much of his time. The twins were very nearly *untwined* and sitting not very far from separate. The said eldest young lady sat on her father's right hand on this occasion, leaning down upon the table so as now and then to look up into his face. Then the unfeminine girl of the family, who seldom used a chair with boarding school propriety, had fairly risen off her seat, and was lying forward on the table, so intent was she on the subject of conversation. The two boys whom we spoke of before as sitting by the fire (it being then Christmas and cold) had latterly taken their places at the table, and now occupied the end opposite to their father. The only two members of the household who still preferred the fireside were Mrs. Wimble and her little daughter Tib, who sat on a stool at her mother's feet,

"You say you've told us all father," said the eldest girl, "but we don't know his right name yet; you've to tell us that."

"I say I have told you his whole history up to the time of his marriage," replied Mr. Wimble. "And I did so for the purpose of shewing what a help, what a means of safety in every way, is total abstinence. But for that little boy's joining that Band of Hope, and through it being educated and lifted out of the pitiable condition in which he was 'born, there is reason to believe that he would have lived a mere street life all his days, if, indeed, he had not landed in crime and prison."

"That boy!" ejaculated the young man, looking at the little picture of which mention was made in the first chapter, "it doesn't seem like what ever happens, father; how he must have altered since then."

"Of course he has," replied his father, wickedly; "for instance he has grown into a big man."

"Yes, but I mean more than that."

"Did his hair ever get to brush down right?" pertly interrupted young seven year old, pointing to the curious half-combed locks which had often been a matter of amusement to the children.

"Don't you speak deridingly of that boy," said Mr. Wimble with mock severity; "he might turn out to be one of your own near relations."

"What relation, father?" asked one of the twins, speaking much more quickly than was her wont; for the twins were deliberate at most things.

"What relation? Why, what do you say to an *uncle*? Uncle Silly,—how would that sound?"

"Just a little better than Silly Uncle," said young moustache, who was the wit of the family.

"Spare your wit at present, till you know more about him."

"But," insisted young seven years, "*our* hair don't stand up like that"; and he looked round them all, and put up his hand to his head to feel.

"Just," answered his father, "because yours has had more of the comb and brush than his, which afterwards improved very much, and I may say now looks very respectable."

"Does it really, father?" asked Miss Tomboy, as the unfeminine was frequently called.

"Your mother has seen it oftener than I have," said Mr. Wimble, "she ought to know."

They all turned at once to the lady of the house with vociferous and multiform inquiries. She—as the newspapers say, when not quite sure what a person has said—was understood to say that it was indeed very decently behaved hair. Any uncertainty as to what she really said, arose from the vigorous use she made of the fire-irons at the time of speaking (for the fire seemed to need stirring badly).

"But his name, father," said Miss Wimble, "you said he was to take the name of Strongman at his marriage; but you have often told us you don't know anyone of that name now."

"No," said Mr. Wimble, "the name of that family doesn't remain; the daughter gave it up at marriage, and she was sole heiress. He didn't take the name of Strougman; he only took the daughter and his own family name."

"What! the name of his *father*, who——"

Mr. Wimble interrupted his eldest daughter, who was the speaker.

"Hush! my child, he *was* his father, and we may suppose he wouldn't judge him harshly! but, besides, the name he took was that his mother had worn. The name was *Wimble*."

"Oh, father!" said Miss Wimble, "*our* name! he was our uncle then?"

"No, my child, that is the picture of your father when a little boy," (he smiled mischievously as he added) "hair and all."

There was a pause of astonishment, and open eyes and open mouths.

"But," mildly suggested the young man, "I thought he was to wear the name of Silly all his life."

"And so I do: on my gate you see Mr. R. *S.* Wimble; on the letter in your hand is R. *S.* Wimble, Esq.; and when I sign a cheque or any legal document I write *Richard Silly Wimble*, and remind myself that what got me the name of Silly was to me in God's holy providence the beginning of wisdom.

"Children, you can hang up the picture. The story is told."

[THE END.]

THE IRISH TEMPERANCE LEAGUE have to mourn the death of its chairman of Executive Committee, Mr. H. Charles Knight, who died on April 1 at his residence, Gloucester Villa, Antrim-road, Belfast. Mr. Knight had been ailing since December last, and his decease at the early age of 46 years is greatly lamented. By his efforts the Temperance movement in Ireland was largely advanced. The Lombard Café, one of the finest establishments of the kind in the kingdom, owes its existence largely to his laborious efforts, and the fine building of which it forms a part and which comprises the offices of the Irish Temperance League, will long remain as a monument to his memory. The numerous coffee stands throughout Belfast are also largely the result of his efforts to counteract the influence of drinking customs amongst the humbler classes.

VISIT OF BRO. MALINS, G.W.C.T., TO MANCHESTER.

Presentation to Bro. J. R. Weatherill, D.C.T. of Oxford.

On Saturday afternoon, April 3, a large gathering of Good Templars and friends of kindred organisations met at Concilio et Labore Lodge-room to welcome Bro. J. R. Weatherill, Past D.E.Supt. of South-East Lancashire, and to present him with a testimonial of their regard and appreciation of the services rendered to the District during the four years he had served on the District Executive. Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., presided, and having briefly addressed the meeting, called upon Bro. John Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., to state the object of the meeting. This Bro. Edwards did in eulogistic terms of the admirable work done by Bro. Weatherill for the Order during several years. Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., whose rising was the signal for very hearty cheering, addressed the members in his most genial and happy manner. He said he took exception to the words of Bro. Edwards, who had remarked that the U.K. Alliance had stolen Bro. Weatherill from us. The fact was they had been the means of his promotion in the Order, he now being a District Chief, whereas S.E. Lancashire contended themselves with making him a District Electoral Superintendent. After instancing cases where the Alliance and other organisations had similarly acted in taking those from our ranks who had been educated in our Lodges he presented the following address which was in book form and splendidly engrossed and illuminated, to Bro. J. R. Weatherill.

"Dear Bro. Weatherill,—It is with mixed feelings of pleasure and sorrow that we present this address to you.

"Pleasure in knowing that the Temperance cause will gain by your extended sphere of usefulness, and sorrow, because we lose, by your removal, one whom we love and respect for his earnestness, zeal, and devotion to the cause we all have at heart.

"For a period of over seven years we have had in you a self-sacrificing worker, and for four years you have been our political leader, during which time your devotion has been most marked; whilst your persistency, courtesy, and logical conclusions have brought many to support our principles, who, under ordinary circumstances, would not have done so.

"Your action at the recent Parliamentary election, won for you a well deserved approbation, many, if not all the candidates in this District being favourably influenced by you. The United Kingdom Alliance is to be congratulated upon appointing you to be their agent at Oxford. We lose your valuable services but the cause in Oxford and the surrounding Districts will be strengthened by your advocacy, and we feel assured that your services will soon be appreciated by them.

"We now wish you abundant success, feeling assured that the God of Love Whom you serve will bless your labours, and that when your work on earth is done, it will be your happiness to hear Him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

"Signed on behalf of the District Lodge :—

"John Edwards, D.C.T.,
"J. H. Musk, Secretary
Political Action Committee
"Wm. Whatmough, D.Sec.

"Presented by

"Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.
"April 3, 1886."

Bro. Weatherill, in suitable terms, responded, modestly declining the eulogies, ascribing them more to the kindness of his fellow workers than his deserts.

Mr. James Whyte, secretary of the U.K.A., Mr. E. Dawson King, secretary of the Manchester, Salford, and District Temperance Union, and Mr. William Canning, secretary of the Electoral Association, also addressed the meeting, each acknowledging the valuable services rendered by Bro. Weatherill.

Bro. H. J. Weatherill said he desired to express his pleasure at the honour done to his brother, and his only regret was that his father and mother to whose pious training he and his brother were deeply indebted, and who are still living, were not present to witness that afternoon's proceedings. Tea was provided, and over 100 partook of it, after which the usual Lodge meeting was held, Bro. Tolton, W.C.T., presiding.

Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., was introduced in the usual manner, and presided. Bro. G. H. Robinson P.D.Sec. of Central Yorkshire, and Bro. E. Dawson King, secretary of the M.S. and D. Temperance Union were re-admitted into the Order, and signed the members' roll.

Bro. Malins, who very happily addressed the Lodge, was well received throughout, and his remarks will certainly have a good effect on the Order in this District.

The Good of the Order being called,

Bro. Edwards spoke on the Mission Work going on, and ask each present to help him in the work now in hand.

Bro. Musk moved a resolution on the Poole Perjury Case which was seconded by Bro. H. J. Weatherill and ordered to be forwarded to the Right Hon. Hugh Childers, Esq., M.P.

Bros. King and Robinson, Hoskinson, H. J. Jones, W. Gibbon, and Ogilsby, of Natal, addressed the Lodge.

The proceedings, which were of a most enthusiastic character, both afternoon and night, were brought to a close by a very suitable farewell speech by Bro. J. R. Weatherill, the newly-elected D.C.T. for Oxfordshire.

THE GOOD TEMPLAR.

ACROSTIC SONNET.

["What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"—1. Cor., vi. 19.]

T he true Good Templar he is one whose heart
H opes to reduce earth's misery and woes;
E ver 'gainst wrong he deals his strongest blows:

G rest is his aim and noble is his part,
O n orphans sad he lays a pitying hand;
O n dark despair he lets the light of day;
D oes what he can to shew the better way;

T hinks how to bless the common Fatherland.
E ven as the Templars in the days of old—
M ighty in warfare 'gainst the Pagan host—
P lunged in the struggle for the Temple's hold,
L et all Good Templars in this modern time
A rise, and from Intemperance, Sin, and Crime
R escue the Temple of the Holy Ghost.

William E. A. Axon.

"Concilio et Labore" Lodge, Manchester,
April 3, 1886.

Mr. Pickersgill, M.P., on Temperance Legislation.—Presiding on Friday night, April 2, at a public Good Templars' meeting at the Bethnal Green-road Baptist Chapel, Mr. E. H. Pickersgill, B.A., M.P., said there were many members of the new House of Commons who belonged to the Temperance party, notwithstanding the defeat of several of its distinguished leaders, including Sir W. Lawson and Mr. W. S. Caine. It was to be deplored that an immense amount of money was spent by the people on stimulants which they could not afford to so spend, and it was desirable to inculcate thrift, which was the daughter of Temperance and the mother of many great virtues. In these times of depression the country would feel how especially valuable thrift was to those who had practised it. The Temperance question had two sides, social and political. If there was to be effective legislation with regard to the liquor traffic it must be based as upon a rock, upon the great democratic principle, viz., the government of the people by the people, and for the benefit of the people at large. The hon. member was loudly cheered, and the meeting was afterwards addressed by Mr. George Nokes, the Rev. W. Harvey Smith, Bro. S. Insull, P.D.C.T., and others. An efficient glee party gave selections between the addresses.

Importance of Washing at Home.—This can be done with ease and economy and the clothes made beautifully sweet, wholesome, lily-white, and fresh as sea breezes, by using Hudson's Extract of Soap, avoiding all risk of contagious with infected clothes at Laundries, or where the washing is put out. No fraying of the clothes as hard rubbing, scrubbing, brushing, or straining is nonecessary. No rotting of the clothes as when bleaching chemicals are used. The Dirt slips away, and wear and tear, labour and fuel are saved. Hudson's Extract of Soap is a pure Dry Soap, in fine powder, rapidly soluble, lathers freely, softens water. A perfect Hard-water Soap, a Cold-water Soap, a Soft-water Soap, a Hot-water Soap. Unrivalled as a purifying agent. Sold Everywhere, is Packets, One Penny and upwards.—[Advt.]

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"YE DID IT UNTO ME!"

Value of Good Templary as a Brotherhood.

The *Huddersfield Examiner*, of March 27, reports the following incident :—

"A Narrow Escape.—On Friday morning last week a decently-dressed and respectable-looking working man was discovered on the highway, opposite the National School (Marsden, near Huddersfield) in an unconscious state, and apparently dying from want and exposure. The police were communicated with, and were quickly on the spot. They obtained a cart, in which they conveyed the senseless man to Dr. McLintock's, who ordered him to be taken to the lodging-house. Dr. McLintock bestowed every attention upon the patient, who remained for 24 hours in a critical and insensible conditinn. After a time, he was enabled to take a little nourishment, and quickly rallied with care and good nursing, and on Tuesday was able to get up, and go out of doors. The man's name is John James Wilson, aged about 45 years, a Scotchman, and a gardener, and was journeying from London to the North seeking employment. From his statement it seems that when found he had been six days without food of any kind, being too independent to beg. He had asked for a glass of water on his way, which had been refused, and when found he had sunk on the ground in the last stages of exhaustion. While endeavouring to discover his identity, cards of membership were found in his possession, which shewed that he had been a Good Templar for several years, and his conduct during his prostration proved that he held by the doctrine of total abstinence most literally. The emaciated condition of the man, in the medical officer's opinion, confirmed his statement as to long deprivation of food."

The issue of April 3 contained the following sequel :—

"A Narrow Escape.—The secretary of a Good Templar Lodge writes to us as follows :—'The remarkable story under this title, in last week's *Examiner*, attracted much attention. The W.A.S. of the Village Rescue Lodge, No. 546 of Good Templars, read the item at the weekly meeting on Tuesday last, entirely ignorant of the fact that the very man, John James Wilson, was present to hear the story. Having ascertained that such was the case, and that the man was in needy circumstances and in search of employment, relief was voted to him by the Lodge, and he was afterwards entertained to supper by the P.W.C.T. Endeavours were made next day to procure him a situation, and these were successful, we trust a permanency; he was rigged out in a fresh suit of clothes by the W.O.G., and is now happy and comfortable, in which condition we hope he may remain. Thanks are due to the Marsden people for their kindness to him, and also for the insertion of the item in the paper, as such a happy result has obtained thereby.'"

GOOD TEMPLARS TO THE FRONT.

Bro. Henry Ansell, who has been a member of the Islington Vestry for the last 17 years, and who is also vice-chairman of the Sanitary Board, has just been elected at the head of the poll as overseer for the parish of Islington, which has a population of about 320,000 inhabitants. There were 11 candidates to fill three vacancies. The success of Bro. Ansell has been the unseating of a wealthy publican, who held the office last year, and was again a competitor for the post of honour, but who has now to retire.

Presentation.—On March 4 the, Leatherhead Perseverance Lodge presented Bro. and Sister Bateman, who are leaving the town, a polished oak inkstand and a silver thimble in case, in recognition of past valuable services. Bro. Bateman made some excellent remarks in thanking the members for their kindness.

Defrauding the Blue Ribbon Insurance Society.—At Salford, on April 2, Thomas Smith, local manager and agent for the Blue Ribbon Insurance Society, was committed for trial for defrauding the society. He was appointed last month, and since then be sent in such a number of proposals, on each of which he received commission, that suspicion was excited. An inspector was sent down, and it was alleged that all the proposals were frauds, and that no business had actually been done.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL SESSION

NEWPORT, MON., 1886.

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of England

WILL BE HELD IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, STOW HILL, NEWPORT, MON., COMMENCING ON

EASTER MONDAY, April 26, 1886.

Qualifications for Grand Lodge Degree.—(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms, (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members three years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges, or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only such of these who have not forfeited their Degrees or their qualifying titles, by expulsion, withdrawal from the Order, or violation of pledge, are eligible for entry on this Credential.

The following arrangements for the Session have been made:

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1886.

7.0 p.m. Juvenile Templar Demonstration at the Royal Albert Hall, Stow Hill. Choir of 400 voices.

EASTER SUNDAY.

2.30 p.m. Official Sermon in the Town Hall, by Rev. Joseph Aston, G.W. Chaplain.

EASTER MONDAY (Royal Albert Hall, Stow Hill).

11.30 a.m. Credential Committee will sit till 2.30 in Credential Committee Room, Royal Albert Hall.

2.0 p.m. Grand Lodge Members admitted. Royal Albert Hall.

2.30 Grand Lodge Session opened in G.L. Degree. Roll of officers called.

2.45 Candidates for Grand Lodge Degree admitted.

3.0 Grand Lodge Degree conferred. Officers' reports presented; Committees appointed, and order of procedure decided.

4.0 Reception of delegates from kindred societies.

4.30 Adjournment.

4 and 5 A public tea will be held in the Tabernacle School-room, Dock-street.

7.30. Public reception meeting. Royal Albert Hall.

TUESDAY (Town Hall).

7.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.

8.0 Credential Committee will sit till 9 o'clock in the Credential Committee Room, Town Hall, Dock-street.

9.0 Session re-opens in G.L. Degree. Additional Candidates initiated.

10.0 Roll of Representatives called. Business proceeded with.

1.30 p.m. Adjournment.

3.0 Session re-opens in Third Degree.

6.30 Adjournment.

7.30—8 Conferences of Political Action and Juvenile Templars, and Committee Meetings.

WEDNESDAY.

7.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street

9.0 Session re-opens in Third Degree.

1.30 p.m Adjournment.

3.0 Session re-opens.

6.30 Adjournment.

7.30 Session re-opens. Adjourns at will.

THURSDAY.

7.0 a.m. Preston Club Re-union Breakfast. Association-room, Hill-street.

7.30 Prayer Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.

9.0 Session re-opens in Grand Lodge Degree for installation of officers.

1.30 p.m. Adjournment.

3.0 Session re-opens in Subordinate Degree.

6.30 Adjournment.

7.30 Session re-opens. Adjourns at will.

FRIDAY.

7.30 a.m. Prayer meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.

9.0 Session re-opens in Grand Lodge Degree, and closes at will in that Degree.

Entrance.—*No Grand Lodge member or candidate* can enter the session without first presenting a ticket or credential to the Credential Committee for endorsement. All applicants for the Grand Lodge Degree, not being representatives, must present a credential signed by the W.C.T. and W.S. of their ordinary Lodge. The G.W. Secretary will supply credentials on application through the L.D.

Candidates' Credentials.—*All Candidates* for the Grand Lodge Degree, not being representatives, must present credentials signed by the W.C.T. and W.S. of their ordinary Lodge. The G.W. Secretary will supply credentials on application from the L.D.

Seats.—After Monday representatives will sit together according to their Districts, the places being previously fixed by ballot, under the direction of the Reception Committee. The number of the seats, with the names of the Districts, will be exhibited on the first day of the session. Should a regular representative fail to be in his place at Grand Lodge immediately after the roll of representatives is called, the highest alternate present can claim the seat for the session, when the Credential Committee shall consult the co-representatives present and report the facts. On a seat being once allowed to either representative or alternate it cannot be afterwards occupied by the other during the samesession.

Absence Without Leave.—Any representative leaving the session without permission may be disqualified from participating in the mileage fund.

Voting Power.—The voting power is confined to its officers, past officers, representatives, and past representatives, but only representatives vote in the election of officers, and when the yeas and nays are called.

Regalia.—No member or visitor can be admitted without regalia. All Grand Lodge members must furnish themselves with either Grand Lodge, Third Degree, or Sub-Lodge Officers' regalia. A Grand Lodge Book Stall will be furnished, where regalia can be either hired or purchased.

Lodgings. — Applications for accommodation should be sent to the D.C.T., Bro. W. Jones, 14, Arthur-street, Newport, Mon. Applicants should state whether they are representatives or not.

Train Accommodation.—The railway authorities refuse to make national concessions. Local members may approach the authorities with a view to the reduction of fares.

(Signed) John B. Collings,
(Hon.) G.W.Sec.

OBITUARY.

Sister Binney.—It is with sincere regret we announce the death, on March 30 (after a long and painful illness), of Sister Binney, of the "M.S. and L." Lodge, Sheffield. The deceased was a member of that Lodge almost from its institution, and had filled most of the offices with ability, although for some months she had been unable to attend the sessions she was always very zealous to the interests of the Order. Her remains were interred on April 3, at Burngreave Cemetery, and was followed by a goodly number of members from her own as well as from neighbouring Lodges, wearing regalia. After the usual burial service had been read, Bro. J. Hardy, L.D., read very impressively the Good Templar burial ceremony and the members sang an appropriate hymn.—P. I.

Walworth.— The George Thorneloe Lodge occupied the platform of Bro. Tom Wilson's Temperance Hall, Walworth-road, on Sunday evening, April 4, and had a most instructive and enjoyable evening, as well as being one of the most successful ever held. This is the first occasion that a Good Templar Lodge has occupied the platform in this home of the Phœnix Orders, and a good impression was made. The principles of our Order were well advocated. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. T. Gear, W.C.T., Bros. Reeves, Smith, Swetman, and Sisters Smith, Bathurst, Smith, and Bro. Edkins, V.D., addressed the meeting.

To Cyclists.—Strength and staying power, with admirable nutritive, flesh forming qualities, are retained in a concentrated form in Cadbury's Cocoa, providing an exhilarating beverage—comforting and sustaining for long or short trips.—[Advt.]

THE LIQUOR TRADE IN INDIA.

MONSTROUS PROPOSALS.

About two years ago (writes the Calcutta correspondent of the *Times*) the Bengal Government appointed a commission, with Mr. Ware Edgar as president, to inquire into the cause of the increase in the consumption of spirituous liquors among the people, and to suggest a remedy. After spending some months in visiting various parts of the province, the Commission submitted a report enumerating the following as the chief causes. First, the waning influence of social and caste restrictions; secondly, the increase in the purchasing power of the lower classes; third, the suspension in 1878 of the old rule limiting the capacity of the still; fourth, the excessive number of licensed shops; fifth, the improper selection of sites for shops. They recommended the establishment of central distilleries in large towns, fixing a maximum capacity for the stills in each District, and a minimum price for the cheapest sorts of liquor, the reconstitution of the Excise establishments, and the exercise of greater care in the selection of retail shops. The Lieutenant-Governor referred the report to the Board of Revenue. After a delay of 18 months, final orders have at last been passed and published in the Government *Gazette*. The recommendations of the Commission are almost entirely approved. Central distilleries will be established in certain large towns and the remaining suggestions will have a full and fair trial.

TEMPERANCE CHURCH PARADE IN SOUTH LONDON.

On Sunday, April 4, the united Temperance societies of London (south division) held a most successful demonstration and church parade in aid of the funds of the London Temperance Hospital and the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage. The procession started from the Enterprise Coffee Tavern, High-street, Peckham, headed by the League of the Cross Temperance Brass Band, and St. Henry Temperance Drum and Fife Band, 21 banners of the Sons of the Phœnix (both Orders). The I.O.G.T. was represented by the banner of the Thomas Munday Lodge, which was followed by members of other Lodges in regalia, and proceeded to St. George's Church, Well-street, Camberwell, where the Rev. Norman Campbell gave an excellent address. While the procession was passing through the crowd that lined the approach to the church by St. George's Bridge, information was received by Bro. T. Wilson, the chief organiser, that an attempt was to be made to steal the collecting boxes. The marshals, however, succeeded in getting the boxes inside the gates safely, but not before some of the juvenile collectors had been interfered with, and one of the senior collectors had been attacked by three men, who tried to take the box away from him, one of whom gave him a blow on the face. Unfortunately, the crowd was so dense, that these ruffians escaped. The church was filled to such an extent that the police had to close the gates to prevent overcrowding, and many hundreds were disappointed by not gaining admission.

Additional interest was created in this parade from the fact becoming known that the Rev. Norman Campbell (who has taken a great interest in this matter) would meet the procession with the full choir in their surplices, and the officers of the church, on St. George's Bridge, and head the procession into the church. The total amount of the collection along the route and in church was £14 2s. 6d.

FOREIGN SAILINGS.

Bro. E. Parker, of the Hope to Win Lodge, will sail from Blackwall Docks, London, on April 20, in the steamer Duke of Devonshire, for Brisbane, Queensland, and will be pleased to meet any members of the Order going by the same ship.—E. Parker, Mrs. Winn, Friskney, Boston, Lincolnshire.

Will Lodges Please Note?—In the report issued by Bro. Alfred Jesper, D.C.T., North Yorkshire, to the Lodges, he observes: "Don't forget our official organ, the Watchword. It is a significant fact that the most successful Lodge in this District is the one that circulates the largest number of Watchwords."

Bro. Rosbottom is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[Advt.]

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

April 2.—Sir J. Pease's Sunday Closing Bill. DIVISION LIST.

The following composed the majority of 101 who voted for the second reading of the Sunday Closing (Liquor) Bill on April 2 :—

Acland, A H D	Farquharson, R	Montagu, S	Simon, Serj.
Acland, C T D	Ferguson, R	More, R J	Spenley, H
Allison, R A	Flower, C	Mundella, A J	Stack, J
Baker, L J	Fry, T	O'Brien, J	Stevenson, F S
Bennett, J	Gower-Leveson	O'Connor, A	Stevenson, J C
Biggar, J G	Green, E	Otter, F	Strong, R
Blades, J H	Grey, Sir E	Parker, C S	Stuart, J
Blake, J A	Harcourt, Sir W	Pease, A E	Sullivan, D
Blake, T	Havelock-Allan	Pease, H F	Swinburne, Sir
Bolton, T H	Hayden, L P	Pease, Sir J	Thomas, A
Broadhurst, H	Hobhouse, H	Pilkington, G A	Tuite, J
Brooklehurst, W	Holden, A	Powell, W R H	Verney, E H
Bryce, J	Holden, I	Priestly, B	Watt, H
Burt, T	Howard, J	Quilter, W C	Wayman, J
Byrne, G M	Illingworth, A	Richard, H.	Westlake, J
Cameron, J M	Dince, H B	Rigby, J	Will, J Shires
Childers, Hugh	James, C H	Roberts, J (Car.)	Williams, J O
Cobb, H P	James, Hn W H	Robinson, T.	Williams, J P
Coleridge, B	Johnston, W	Robson, W S	Wilson, H J
Corbett, A C	Lawrence, W F	Roe, T	Wilson, I
Cossham, H	Leicester, J	Russell, Sir C	Woodall, W
Courtney, L H	Llewellyn, E H	Russell, E R	Woodhead, J
Crompton, C	Macdonald, J H	Saunders, W	Wright, C
Crossley, Sir S	Maclznes, M	Shaw, T	Yeo, F A
Ellis, J E	M'Culloch, J	Sheridan, H R	Young, C E B
Esslemont, P			

Tellers—Mr. Arnold Morley and Mr. Marjoribanks.

The minority of 41 were :—

Addison, J	Douglas-Akers	Hill, Lord A	O'Hanlon, T.
Ainslie, W G	Duncan, Col	Hope Beresford	Pearce, W
Baily, L R	Evelyn, W J	Hozier, J H	Pelly, Sir L
Blaine, R S	Field, Adm.	Jackson, W L	Pomfret, W P
Blundell, Col	Flyn, J C	Jennings, L J	Sheehan, J
Bourke, Hon R	Fraser, Geo.	Kimber, H	Smith, D
Clarke, E	Goldsworthy	Ketelbil. Hughes	Starrock, Prov.
Cobbold, F T	Grimston, Lord	Long, W H	Trotter, H J
Commerell, Sir	Heaton, J H	M'Donald, P	Vincent, E H
Cox, J E	Herbert, S	Norris, E S	Watson J
Dimsdale, Baron			

Tellers—Viscount Cranborne and Mr. Agg-Gardner.

April 2.—Durham Sunday Closing.

This bill passed committee without amendment.

Mr. E. Clarke (Con., Plymouth) was about to propose an amendment to Clause 2 ; but it was pointed out by the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. Courtney) that the hon. member had attached his amendment to the wrong line, and that it, therefore, could not be put.

April 5.—The Liquor Traffic in Basutoland.

Mr. Osborne Morgan, in answer to Mr. M'Arthur, read a statement shewing that a successful endeavour had been made to put a stop to the introduction of brandy into Basuteland, and it was hoped shortly to check the introduction of drink into that country, which for five years had paralysed the action of a civilised government. They had every reason to believe that the authorities of the Cape Colony and of the Free State had given their support to the policy.

Durham Sunday Closing Bill.—We learn that Mr. T. Fry had the greatest difficulty in keeping "a House" on Friday at dinner-time, as the Whips wanted a "count" and would do nothing to help him. We hope our Temperance friends in Parliament will speak their minds and, if necessary, treat the Whips and the Government with reciprocal attention.

The Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) Bill is for committee on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and already notice of opposition has been given.

Mr. James Stevenson's resolution in favour of total Sunday closing has the first place on the paper on Friday, the 30th.

Mr. G. Balfour and Colonel Hughes-Hallett have given notice of opposition to the Sunday Liquor Bill on the committee stage, and among the amendments to be moved is one by Viscount Cranborne providing that the Act shall expire at the end of the year 1891.

Observes the *Echo* :—"It is stated that, though the Government intend handing over the licence for the sale of intoxicating drinks to the bodies which will be created under the County Boards Bill, they will not entirely part with the control of the licences. An arrangement is suggested by which a fixed sum for every liquor licence shall accrue to the Crown, and the right be granted to the local boards to put on what increase they think fit for local purposes. This is the system now in operation in the United States. There the initial rate for liquor licences of every kind is fixed in Congress, and each State adds what it thinks fit for local taxation. Thus in Chicago, with its 12,000 saloons and drinking bars, the revenue of the town is increased by £250,000 per annum, as the authorities have fixed a local rate of £20 per annum on each licensed house."

GOOD TEMPLARY.

[From the *Birmingham Times*.]

The Good Templar Order, the "Freemasonry of Teetotalism," was planted in this kingdom by its present English chief, Mr. Joseph Malins, at Birmingham, which remains its head-quarters in this country. This society is not a sick benefit or burial club, its fees (1s. 6d. on entrance and 1s. per quarter afterwards) being, of course, too low to embrace the beneficiary feature. Members must be formally proposed and elected, and on admission must pledge themselves to life-long abstinence from the taking or giving of intoxicants as beverages. The service of admission is not made known to outsiders, so that its mystery may make a deeper impression upon the candidate. No "scenic" or red-hot poker effects are however attempted, as is supposed by many of the uninitiated. Young people of both sexes who have completed their 15th year may be admitted to the privileges of the Order. The Order is religious, yet unsectarian; its object is strict Temperance, its spirit beneficent; its privileges equal, and its membership world-wide. The Lodge meetings are confined to members, who sit around the room as in certain religious class meetings. Every member is a subscriber and legislator, with equal rights in every respect. The formal business is sometimes light, and then debates, essays, and music at once educate the members and enliven the proceedings. To convey some idea of the entertainments provided by the members at these meetings for their mutual benefit, we quote a few from the quarterly programmes printed in the "Official Hand-book," for this District. "Night with the American poets and humourists;" "Sisters to entertain" (who would not be a Templar !) ; "A night with English Statesmen"; "Brothers' surprise—Bro. H. Urry to provide entertainment" (poor Bro. Urry !) ; "Letter-box night"—each member has to contribute a letter on an interesting topic for public perusal ; "No refusal night" ; "Sharp practice" ; "Parcel night"—when every brother must bring a contribution in kind ; "Five minutes' papers" ; "Christmas party—ham and jam will be provided" ; "Pound night" — each member bringing a pound of sweets, fruit, or other delicacy. "Grumbling night—only one in the quarter," leads us to hope that the brothers' complaints are confined to such licensed occasions. It must not by any means, however, be thought that the brothers and sisters devote the whole or even the greater part of their time to simple amusement. Lectures are given, debates are raised, and the members work mutually for their mental and physical advantage. In the Birmingham District there are 30 Lodges, each comprising about 40 members, so that the total number of Good Templars in the town is probably about 1,200.

ELECTION NEWS.

Barrow.—The polling to fill the vacancy in this constituency caused by the unseating of Mr. Duncan, took place on Tuesday last, with the very gratifying result of Mr. W. S. Caine's successful return. There were three candidates, only one of whom, however, causing any fear, if fear there was. The figures of the poll were declared, at 10.15 p.m., to a crowd numbering several thousands, and are as under :—

Mr. W. S. Caine (L.)	...	...	3,109
Mr. G. Bruce (C)...	...	...	2,174
Mr. Edmunds (I.) ...	...	...	15

The result was received with tremendous cheering, and will be echoed by thousands of Mr. Caine's Temperance friends the country over.

Presentation.—At a public meeting of the Southern Star Lodge No. 10, held at the Wesleyan Chapel, Pointe de Galle, Ceylon, on February 27, Bro. the Rev. Phillip Willenburg, Wesleyan minister, was presented on behalf of the members of the I.O.G.T., Blue Ribbon and Band of Hope Societies, by Bro. W. F. Dashfield, with a handsome electro-plated breakfast cruet as a token of regard from the people of Galle, with whom he has laboured for four years.

Easter Volunteer Review.—Will you allow me, through the medium of your widespread journal, to ask all these members of our Order who are also members of either the 2nd London Rifles, Civil Service Rifles, 3rd and 5th Surrey Rifles, or 4th V.B. West Surrey Regiment (who will be stationed from Good Friday to the following Tuesday, respectively at Forts Purbrook, Southwick, Nelson and Widley) to forward to me (as L.D. of Portsdown Lodge, No. 2,017, Cosham), not later than the 15th instant, their names and name and number of the Lodge to which they belong, in order that, if possible, arrangements may be made for our meeting together for mutual profit and instruction.—John S. Wright, 8, Kingston-crescent, Portsmouth, Hants.

National Temperance Fete at the Crystal Palace.—Applications for admission to our choirs have already reached the office in large numbers ; but in case we have not, in issuing our invitations, succeeded in reaching all the friends who would be wishful to take part on this most interesting occasion, will you kindly allow me to say in your columns that if the secretaries of any societies desiring to participate will be good enough immediately to communicate with me, I will send full particulars and a form of application. As far as we can see there is every reason to hope that the fête will be a very great success. It is to be borne in mind that although the Band of Hope Union is organising the fête this year the choirs will be open to Temperance organisations of every description both in London and the provinces.—Yours faithfully, Charles Wakely.

No Stimulants for Children.—Bro. Wilson's letter in your last issue calls to mind your extract from the "Book of Health" in yours of March 29, and with which I am rather surprised to find Bro. Wilson saying, "I quite agree." I commend him much for his decision and plain speaking with the doctor, but as he (the doctor) did not after all supply the brandy, and the child is fast recovering without it, I take it as a proof that he did not think it *really necessary*, but that it was intended, as it usually is, as an experiment. And it is by no means certain that if the child had taken it it would have recovered so fast. I have no quarrel with the extract from the "Book of Health" till near the end, where it says, "Stimulants (meaning drinks) are amongst the most potent and valuable agents as medicines in the hands of the physician !" Of this there is no proof, as there is not one single disease, for the cure of which the highest medical authorities are agreed that this class of stimulants is necessary ; and they have been experimenting with them long enough ; at least, so thinks another, who is a Rechabite as well as Good Templar.—G. Collin, P.D.C.T.

A traveller had put up at an hotel where the accommodation was of the poorest but the charges of the highest. Without wasting any words he paid the bill, but sent for the landlord who, feeling sundry misgivings, approached with trepidation But instead of giving vent to his displeasure, the traveller threw himself on the landlord's neck and embraced him tenderly. Our startled host having at last recovered his breath, inquired the reason of this affectionate treatment. "Fare thee well, my good friend," replied the guest, "forget me not, for we part never to meet again !"

Hartlepool Municipal Bye Election.—Consequent upon the death of Councillor John Graham, publican, a vacancy occurred in the North ward. Two candidates issued addresses, viz., Mr. Joseph V. Longstaff and Mr. T. W. Haswell, who was defeated in November, 1884, by Mr. Graham after a six years' membership in the Council. Mr. Longstaff having promised to support Temperance measures the members of the Order resolved to give him their assistance, and at a meeting of his supporters Bro. Edward Oliver, P.W.D.Co., was appointed secretary, and under his superintendence, the necessary arrangements were made. The election took place on the 3rd inst., resulting in the election of Mr. Longstaff by 334 votes to Mr. Haswell's 203. Mr. Haswell, when a member, always voted against Temperance measures, and as the late member was in the trade we thus gain a seat. Being a bye-election not much excitement took place.

NEWS of the LODGES

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METROPOLITAN.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." April 2. The item on the programme being a discussion on how best to improve our Lodge-room, a very animated debate took place, when several good suggestions were referred to a Room Improvement Committee, which is to be formed to devise ways and means for carrying out the same. An interesting feature took place during the evening in the laying of a new carpet and rug, which has been subscribed for by the members. One re-admitted as Ancient Templar.

Peckham.—"Peckham." April 2. Digest of special D.L. session considered. Decided to hold a tea in connection with the George Thorne Memorial opening on Good Friday. A programme of readings and recitations was then successfully carried out.

Wandsworth-road.—"St. Andrew's." April 3. A good programme was given and a pleasant evening passed; visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., and Bro. R. Hyde, D.E.S.

Cambridge Heath Bridge.—"Artisan." March 13. Visitors' night. Bro. Le Sage, V.D., acted as W.C.T. The visitors entertained in a very creditable manner. Resolution passed in favour of forming two Districts of Middlesex, and instructing D.L.Rep. to vote for same.—March 20. Open Lodge, 8 p.m. Bro. Hemsley, L.D., in the chair. Bro. Lloyd, W.C.T., read a paper entitled, "Should We Encourage the Drama?" Very interesting. A discussion followed.—March 27. The Lodge closed at 9.15 p.m., and paid the Dove Lodge a surprise visit.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." March 30. Recitation contest. Passed and well attended session. Amongst those present were Sister Gibson, P.W.D.V.T., and Bro. Gibson, Bro. Page, V.D., Bro. Powell, V.D., Sister Browne, P.R.W.S.J.T., Bro. Fisk, G.L.L., Bro. Lockett, W.D.G., and others. Bro. Le Sage V.D., presided. One received on c.c. The report of last D.L. session was read by the Reps. and after discussion adopted. A motion for dis-affiliating the J.T., from Lodge was lost by a unanimous vote. Bro. Page, and Sister and Bro. Gibson spoke a few words under good of the Order. After business the recitation contest took place, four brothers of the Lodge competing. The judges (Bros. Fisk, Page, and Parrott) awarding the prize (a silver pencil case presented by Bro. Le Sage) to Bro. Gibbe, W.M. Greetings of the Pride of Soho Lodge were presented and accepted.

Loughborough Junction, S.E.—"William Tweedie." March 24. Social meeting; open to members and friends. Songs and recitals.—March 31. Paper by Bro. Hart: "The Face indicative of Health and Character," illustrated by diagrams and sketches.

Clapton Park.—"Clapton Park." March 26. Visit from Hackney Mission Lodge. Open night. Bro. Le Sage, V.D., presided. A good programme of readings, duets, solos and recitations rendered, and a pleasant evening spent. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Chelsea.—"James McCurrey." April 1. Public meeting, presided over by Bro. Seager, W.C.T., supported by Bro. T. C. Macrow. Prayer by Mr. Stacey, L.C. missionary. Solo and an address by Mr. Osborne, L.C. missionary; recitation by T. H. W. Grigg, L.D. Solos at intervals. A short address by Bro. Willacey, U.K.A., followed by an address by Bro. S. Insull, P.D.C.T., advocating the I.O.G.T. A large and very attentive audience. Special session after to initiate a candidate from the Juvenile Temple.

Wandsworth-road. — "New Clapham Excelsior." March 31. Programme. Officered and entertained by visitors. Bro. Sutherland, W.C.T. Recitations by Sister Newton; readings, Bros. Fowler Seager; songs, Sisters Barker and Sutherland, and Bros. Rutherford Sutherland, and Wace; few remarks by Bros. W. Headlam, L.D., Slade, L.D., and Macrow, W.C.T. Refreshments supplied. Pleasant and profitable session. WATCHWORDS taken in regularly.

Pimlico. — "Progress." March 29. G.W.C.T.'s night. Short discussion. L.D. gave notice of motion condemning the proposed division of District Lodge. WATCHWORDS sold.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." March 23. Visit to William Tewsley Lodge, a very pleasant meeting.—March 25. Social gathering, (open) evening spent in music, readings and recitation, with parlour games after. Fruit provided.

Chiswick.—"Gunnersbury." March 24. Popular Entertainment in Baptist Chapel. Chairman, Bro. Lambert, W.D.M.; songs, duets, trios and quartetts, by the Sisters Douglas, Sister Kalmeire and Bro. Wallace, and Mr. Tomes; recitations by Bro. Reader, Mrs. Hooper and Miss Douglas, and Bro. Wickenden, V.D.; violinist, Miss Douglas; harmoniumist, Bro. Wallace, most enjoyable evening. Invitations given to join the Order by Bros. Lambert and Wickenden. Several pledges taken.

Cronch End.—"Harringay." March 24. W.C.T. by ballot, which was in favour of Sister Prevost, who presided in a capital manner.—March 31. Officered and entertained by sisters. Sister Mabel Holmes, W.C.T. Sisters Bannister, Holmes, Swain, Prevost, Robertson, and Steinfeld contributing to the programme.

Baker-street.—"Alliance of Marylebone." March 29. Open Lodge; fair attendance of the general public to hear the excellent programme provided by the Loyal Favourite Lodge, who attended and officered; W.C.T., Bro. J. Scott; songs, recitations, duets, &c., followed in quick succession; a good impression in the audience resulted in three candidates being initiated, thus keeping up our motto for the quarter "Work and win."

Balham.—"Welcome Home." March 25. The programme, a "Spelling Bee" proved most amusing and instructive, the honours being carried off by Bro. and Sister Clarke. Four initiated, and duets, &c. Pounds and. The pounds were well disposed of by the W.C.T., Bro. Bawkins, and thus augmented the funds. Two initiated, a result of seeing Bro. Hawkins with the badge of our Order in his button hola. Resolved that we send a letter to the member of Parliament for this constituency respecting the Poole Perjury Case with a view to the release of Harry Willis from penal servitude.

Upper Clapton.—"Upper Clapton."—March 29. Bro. Miles, W.C.T., presiding. Report of the D.L. received. Resolution adopted to instruct D.L. Rep. to support motion of Citizen Lodge for a second D.L. for Middlesex. Bro. E. A. Gibson, P.D.C.T., read a paper on the "Stability of the Order." Discussion followed, in which Bro. Caston, Lodge, Hanson, L.D., Page, V.D., Powell V.D., Davis, L.D., Marsden, &c. took part, and a vote of thanks passed to the reader.

Stratford.—"Beacon Light." March 17. Bro. J. B. Finch, P.S.J.T., gave two papers, entitled, "The House that Jack Built," and "Words." Bros. Garwood and Haines, and Sisters Sandalls, junr., Burbidge and Dewell, sen., were elected to serve on Juvenile Temple Executive Committee.—March 24. Pound night; pleasant evening spent. Songs and recitations by Sister Sandalls, Sister Siddell, and Bros. Melbourne, Leighton, Cullum, Turner and Bartlett. Communication read from Negro Mission Committee.—March 31st. Social soirée and entertainment; good number present, and very pleasant evening spent. Songs by Sister Sandalls and Bros. Melbourne and Wilson.

Southwark.—"The Mist."—March 31. Bro. C. Hill presided. Bro. Morfill read a very interesting account of Bro. Edwin Bates' trip from London to Christchurch, New Zealand. He reads the WATCHWORD with delight.

Hackney.—"Homerton's Hope." April 1. Public entertainment; chairman, Bro. Simmons, W.Sec. A long and interesting programme was rendered by members and friends to a crowded audience, concluding with an entertaining sketch, which was much applauded. Special session held at close to initiate a candidate.

Bethnal Green.—"Victoria Park." March 27. One proposed, one restored; model initiation by past and present officers with criticism, offices balloted for; the initiation ceremony was gone through in a most impressive manner.—April 3. One initiated, two proposed; comical anecdotes by members and visitors; Lodge entertained by Bros. Fisk, Dabbs, Lawson, Butler, Houldsworth, Smith, Clifford and Wells; large attendance; two dozen WATCHWORDS sold.

Camden Town.—"Angel of Mercy." March 19. Good session; numbers increasing in new Lodge room; one proposed, one readmitted, and one restored. Visit from Joseph Payne, who entertained; good attendance.—March 26. One initiated. D.L.Rep., instructed to vote against division of District Lodge, and all District Lodge voting members of this Lodge were asked to do the same.—April 2. Good session; capital attendance; one initiated, and one restored. Visit from King's Cross Excelsior Lodge, who entertained in an able manner. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Kennington.—"Vulcan." April 5. Songs, readings, &c. Visit from Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.D.Ch., who presided, and Bro. W. A. Shepheard, W.D.M., both of whom urged the members to co-operate with the Executive in promoting the welfare of the Order.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." April 6. One initiated. Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T. Paper by Sister Matkin on "Noble Women."

Pentoonville.—"Vernon." April 5. Institution of Juvenile Temple by Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T., Bro. Griffiths, Sister Weekes, P.D.V.T., and Sister Russell, with a good number of the Sparkling Dewdrops. There were 13 juvenile members initiated, and six honorary members. Sister Shakespeare, W.D.V.T., is superintendent, and Sister Collins is the assistant-superintendent. The adult Lodge then began its business at 8.30. Communication read announcing the special session of D.L. Sister Weekes, P.D.V.T., Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T., and Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T., were officially received. The programme was reciting competition for brothers and sisters of this Lodge only. There was only two ready to compete, viz., Sister Meader and Sister Rayner. Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T., Bro. Tugwell, Victoria Park Lodge, and Bro. Rice were the arbitrators. Sister Meader won the prize, which was presented by Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T. Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T., song; Bro. Tubnell, recitation; Bro. Rice, recitation; Bro. Sam Brown, song; Sister Weekes, P.D.V.T., an amusing lecture. Good session. WATCHWORDS sold.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." April 1. One initiated. D.L. Rep.'s report adopted. Bro. Parncutt's night, when he supplied the Lodge with refreshments. Songs, &c., by members and visitors.

Chelsea.—"Margaret McCurrey." March 24. Pound night. Proceeds to Lodge funds. Bro. Binden auctioneer. Pleasant evening spent.—March 31. Short papers by Bros. Welfare and Morrell and Sister Watkin. Long discussions. Two proposed. WATCHWORDS sold.

Holborn.—"London Olive Branch." April 1. Bro. Henstock provided a high-class entertainment; songs by Sisters Pooley and Cambridge and Bros. Strong and Thompson; recitations by Sister Farr and Bros. Sirett, Henstock, Henderson, and Wilson. Sisters Webb and Bernard presided at the pianoforte. Large attendance.

Harlesden.—"Harlesden." March 3. Bro. Armstrong elected D.L.Rep. Visit of the Paddington Degree Temple; Third Degree conferred on three candidates, and Second Degree on seven. Short addresses by Sister Weeks, P.D.V.T., and Bros. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., H. J. Easton, W.D.A.S., and Bro. Lucas, V.D. One candidate initiated.—March 10. Resolved that Lodge night be altered to Tuesday, commencing with new quarter. Visit from Kilburn Anchor Lodge. Songs by Bros. Brewer, Hunt, Sheffield, and Barnes, and readings by Sister Pearce and Bro. Barnes. One candidate initiated.—March 17. Bros. Guthrie, jun., and Eggleton elected as Rep. to Juvenile Council. Programme, "Irish and Scotch Night." Songs by Bro. Armstrong, Bro. Guthrie, sen., and Bro. Brennen, and Sisters Guthrie, jun., and Wilby. Duet by Bros. Vidler and Armstrong. Reading by Bro. Brennen. One candidate proposed.—March 24. Soirée, at which nearly 70 members and friends were present. Bro. J. R. Guthrie acted as M.C., and Bro. Vidler as assistant.—March 31. Programme, "Who shall be W.C.T.?" The contest was sharp, and the chair changed hands repeatedly. Bro. Vidler, P.W.C.T., finally succeeded in keeping the chair, and closed the Lodge.

North Brixton.—"Prudential." March 31. Official visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co. A discussion took place as to the best means to adopt to stop the leakage in the District, and various suggestions were made. A Council of Instruction was conducted by Bro. Hooper in a highly interesting and instructive manner. The members generally were fairly correct in their replies.

Hounslow.—"Hope of Hounslow." April 1. Bro. T. Chennell's coffee supper heartily enjoyed by all; pleasant session; about 40 present; songs and recitations; committee formed to arrange free tea for 100 non-abstainers.

Pimlico.—"Progress." April 5. Officered and entertained by visitors. A very pleasant and happy meeting. A resolution was unanimously adopted on continuing Middlesex "one and undivided." WATCHWORDS on sale.

Kentish Town.—"Regina." April 5. Bro. Scarborough, W.C.T. Communication read from the Citizen Lodge concerning the "division" of the District; it was ultimately decided that the representatives vote against it. Bros. Chandler, Carter, and Ramsden, jun., Sisters Ramsden and Frankum were appointed on the Soirée Committee. The Hope of Highgate Lodge entertained with songs, recitations and readings. There was a good attendance. Very pleasant evening.

North Bow.—"Commonwealth." March 27. Concert. Fair attendance. Bro. T. B. Harrison presided. Bro. Thomas Jones gave several recitations, including "Shamus O'Brien," "Dora," and "The Hungry Boy." Bros. Richards and Hammon, and Sisters Dean and Burrows also took part in the programme.

Battersea, S.W.—"Pilgrim's Rest." April 2. Well attended session. One initiated. Sister Greenwood, P.D.V.T., &c., of Nation's Hope Lodge, Central Yorkshire, admitted on c.c. The motions on the District Lodge digest were discussed. The Lodge was afterwards entertained by Sisters Clark, Barker, and Greenwood.

Shoreditch.—"Hand of Friendship." March 2. Experience night; short experiences by several brothers; two admitted as Ancient Templars.—March 9. Sisters' surprise being presents to the brothers, and contributed songs, &c.; six members applied for Degrees.—March 16. Holiday experience night, several giving an account of Good Templary work done in different countries where they have travelled.—March 23. Vegetarian discussion, Sister Boniface; attack, several members taking part; being an interesting it was carried on till a late hour.—March 30. Visit from Hearts Content Lodge, who entertained.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." March 27. Room full; visit from Morning Star, who gave an excellent entertainment.—April 3. Crowded session; one initiated and one proposed. Bro. Bartlett, D.L.Rep., brought up report which was adopted. A long discussion took place on the question of dividing Middlesex into two Districts, the final result being that the Lodge resolved to leave the matter with their representatives to use their discretion in the matter. Bro. Tysoe, of Luton, and other visitors spoke words of cheer. The Lodge Deputy reported that all arrangements were complete for the large aggregate meeting. A resolution was unanimously carried, congratulating Bro. Henry Ansell, L.D., on his election as overseer for the parish of Islington. Bro. Ansell suitably replied. WATCHWORDS sold.

St. John's Wood.—"St. John's United." April 3. Visit of W.D.Co., Bro. W. Sutherland. Lodge-room very attractive. Paper written by Bro. Carter was read by Bro. D. J. Hammat on "Faith Healing." Discussion followed, those taking part being Bros. Andrews Godfrey, Sutherland, and others. Words of cheer and advise were given by W.D.Co.

Chelsea.—"Queen's Messenger," April 2. Two c.c,

deposited. Paper by Bro. Shepherd, E.S., entitled, "Temperance—What it has Done and What it is Doing." Well discussed by Bros. T. Turney, Looker, and T. Underwood. Sister A. Semba presented a report of the Juvenile Conference, which was adopted. Evening closed with songs by Bros. Looker, West, and Williams. Recitation by Bro. West. A most pleasant session. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Marylebone.—"John Clifford." April 2. Resolved that the D.L. Reps. be instructed to vote against the division of the District. Programme for night being a paper by Bro. D. J. Hammant, the subject, "Who are the ten lost tribes of the House of Israel?" which was well rendered, Bros. Williams, Jones, White, West, and Sisters West, Woolgar, Chirgwin and others taking part in the discussion.

Brixton.—"Gresham." March 23. Speech by Bro. Nicholls, of Hope of Stockwell Lodge. Digest of business for special D.L. session read. Songs, reading, and a recitation.—April 1. Committee for annual excursion appointed. Greetings exchanged with Harrigay Lodge. Capital programme. WATCHWORDS on sale.

PROVINCIAL

Truro.—"Truro Guiding Star." March 30. Visitors Bro. Sollard, Glasgow, and Bro. Cummings, of Modbury. Bro. Hole read a letter from the secretary of the Free Public Library, allowing a copy of the WATCHWORD to be placed on the table of that institution weekly. Bros. Still, Polsue, Tucker, Farr, Matthews, and Hole were appointed a committee to consider the advisability or otherwise of holding a monster demonstration in conjunction with the other Temperance bodies of the city. Devotional evening conducted by Bro. Parr, W.D. Chaplain, and Bro. Hole. Scripture lesson, Bro. Griffith; prayers by Bros. Sutton, Polsue, and Parr.

Manchester.—"National Union." March 4. The W.C.T. being responsible provided coffee and buns; one initiated.—March 11. Open session, Bro. Hughes, W.C.T., in the chair; songs by Bros. Chapman, Turner, and Bro. George Johnson; good attendance.—March 15. Visit to the Hope of Reddish, when about 30 enjoyed the trip.—March 18. Pound night, a goodly number of parcels were brought; 10 initiated.—March 22. Visit to the Peter Spence.—March 25. Tea party, which is always enjoyed.—April 1. Visit from the City Lodge which officered and entertained. An appropriate programme was arranged by the committee which consisted of instrumental trios by the Turnbull family; readings and recitations by Messrs. Payling, Fitzackerly, and Bros. Tomlinson, Littler; and songs by Messrs. Herrod and Tomlinson and Bro. T. H. Mortimer, of Cheltenham. The W.C.T., Bro. Payne, presided and gave an instructive address; a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Norwich.—"City of Norwich." March 24. Lodge met at 7.30 to initiate, when four candidates were admitted, amongst whom were Rev. J. J. Northam and Councillor George Green; public meeting at 8 o'clock; Bro. George Green presided, and a capital address was given by Bro. Rev. J. J. Northam, interspersed by songs, solos, part song, recitations, &c.; Lodge-room full; several names given in for initiation; Sister Coleman pianist.—March 31. Bro. F. Coleman, W.C.T., presiding; seven were initiated, making 30 in three weeks; three good papers were given by Sister Clare, Bros. Herring and Brnce; very good attendance and enjoyable session.

Middlesbro'.—"Cyrus." March 29. Entertainment and fruit banquet. Samuel Lishgow, Esq., in the chair, supported by Bro. R. Skelton, D.C.T. There was a very large attendance, and a splendid programme rendered, consisting of songs, glees, duets, &c. Addresses were delivered by the D.C.T., Bro. Taylor, V.D., and others. The entertainment was got up, and the proceeds will be handed over to a brother and sister belonging, who both have been ill and out of work for several months past.

Glossop.—"Hope of Glossop." March 29. Very good session; numerous attendance. After the business of the Lodge was transacted, the brothers entertained with a fruit banquet, which was very much enjoyed. The remainder of the session was enlivened by songs and recitations by the brothers and sisters, Bro. Peter Skelton, W.S.

Kingston-upon-Hull.—"Kingston-upon-Hull." The correspondent reports that the membership of this Lodge reaches 290, and that during the past two quarters 50 new members have been initiated, and 15 others are proposed for initiation. Five of our brothers have been for some time ice-bound in the s.s. Cato, out in the Baltic Sea. These arrived save in Hull after much anxiety, and attended the Lodge on Thursday last, and were received with a strong demonstration of thankfulness for their deliverance.

Devonport.—"James Teare." March 29. A very pleasant session. Sister Carter, W.C.T. Song, Bro. Burt; recitation, Bro. Taylor. Bro. Carter, D.E.S., presided during the nomination of candidates for V.D.'s for No. 2 Sub-District. Bro. Burt was recommended.

Devonport.—"Star of Morice Town." March 31. A grand muster. Songs by Bros. Christy, Shaw, Rowley, Sisters Ricketts and Trayes; readings, Bros. Parkes and Rich. Resolved to invite the Naval Star of Peace Lodge Letter L to our next session.

Plymouth.—"Henry Wheeler." March 30. Visit of James Teare Lodge. Bro. Taylor H.D., presiding. A very pleasant session. Song by Bro. Burt, recitation by Bro. Taylor, reading by Sister Taylor.

Devonport.—"Workman's Rest." April 3. A nice meeting. Bro. Fish, W.C.T. Tea committee reported a profit upon the tea of £1 10s. 7d., reports adopted The W.S. reported. Bro. Burt was recommended a V.D. Good of the Order sustained by songs by Bros' Launce, Lee; reading, Bro. Parkes, recitation, and Bro. Keely. One initiated. One o.c.c.

Plymouth.—"Plymouth." March 29. Annual tea and entertainment. About 60 partook of tea, after which a programme of songs, duets, readings, recitations, and musical selections was given by the following:—Sisters H. James, Mitchell, Allen, Mitchelmore, jun., and L. James, Bros. Mitchelmore, jun., James, Reynolds, Andrew, Leach, and Master Jeffery. Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., presided.

Green-street.—"Co-operative." March 24. Public meeting by Father Matthew Lodge, in which Bros. Goodwin, Dodd, Fuller, Cheeseman, Sisters Monk, Goodwin, and others, took part.—March 31. Degree Temple conferred Second Degree on five members, and Third Degree on one. Bro. Leeds, a recitation; Bro. Thompsett, a song; Bro. Jeffries, a speech.

Guildford.—"Rescue." April 3. Open session every week; Good Templar Choir, under conductorship of Bro. Cole, entertained in a very able manner. Bro. H. J. Gill gave an address, as did also Bro. T. R. Stevens; two admitted on o.c.

Manchester.—"Good Samaritan." March 23. Public lecture by Mr. W. Simpson on "The action of alcohol on the nervous system"; very interesting and instructive; good attendance; Bro. John B. Musk, D.E.S., presided.—March 27. Over 30 members visited and entertained the Hexham Lodge, Oldham; very pleasant outing.—March 30. Good of the Order Committee provided varied entertainment and distributed fruit among members and visitors. On recommendation of special committee appointed to consider the matter, resolved not to favour the Provident Fund scheme; two initiated.

Guildford, "Guildford." April 2. Committee appointed for Good Friday open session; song, Bro. Patrick readings, Bros. Booth and Patrick, Bro. H. J. Gill, V.D., D.E.S., gave a good speech on "One of the Chief Causes of the Depression of Trade;" good attendance; one initiated.

Hadfield.—"John Sargeant." March 31. Social evening; songs by Bros. Booth, Wood, and Robertson, and Sister Bostock; pianoforte solo, Bennett; duets, Sisters Williams and Groves; reading, Bro. Williams; duet, Sisters Bostock and Newsome.—April 4. Members from Glossop Lodges joined the above Lodge, walking in procession to the P.M. Chapel, Waterside, to hear a Good Templar sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. W. Goodman, H.D., entitled "Fading Flowers."

Rugby.—"Hope of Rugby." April 1. Brothers' night. Bro. Johnson presided; programme of vocal and instrumental music, readings, recitations, and short address on "Duty," was carried out by Bros. Bayliss, Robins, Hancocks, Letts, Holding, Edmunds, and Bayley, in a very creditable manner; a most pleasant evening spent; good attendance; one old member re-admitted; Lodge flourishing.

Long Eaton.—"Work and Win." March 31. First meeting in large Lodge-room. One initiated, making seven since D.L. held few weeks ago. Bro. E. J. Rowe, L.D., officiated as V.C.P. A very nice programme of songs, readings, and recitations, was rendered by visitors from various Lodges in Nottingham, of whom about 25 were present. The Lodge possesses a very handsome set of Lodge furniture made and presented by several members, which was formally handed over by Bro. J. Malins at D.L.

Halstead.—"Hornor." March 25. Bro. A. Abrams, W.C.T., read a paper on "Juvenile Temphry"; discussion followed, which led to the appointment of a committee to arrange for the starting of a Temple; seven proposed for membership.—April 1. Sisters surprised brothers by presenting each with a present (plenty of fun). Bro. Spence, W.C., of Chelmsford, gave a brief address; one proposed. After the Lodge session, the Degree of Fidelity was conferred upon three candidates.

Leatherhead.—"Perseverance." February 4. Reports of officers. Election and installation; W.C.T., Bro. Hewitt; W.Sec., Bro. Denyer. Two brothers re-obligated.—February 11. Degree meeting. D.C.Te and V.D. present. Second Degree conferred on five sisters, and Third Degree conferred on two. Freewill offering box opened, which contained 8s. 0½d.—February 18. L.D. read the official notices from the G.W.C.T., also the Good Templars' Provident Fund prospectus. Programme being drill for new officers, was duly carried out.—February 25. One candidate proposed. The odes were practised.—March 4. Greetings exchanged with Guildford and Rescue Lodges per Bro. Denyer. D.L.R., report read and adopted. Sewing bee for brothers caused much fun.—March 11. Several solos and duets were very admirably rendered; very enjoyable session.—March 25. Entertainment by the Juvenile Temple; Bro. Denyer spoke a few words on the latter. The Lodge then reassembled for business, and Bro. Denyer initiated one candidate, and admitted Sister Denyer on o.c.—April 2. Sister Denyer elected as Chaplain, and Bro. Pollard as Marshal; resolved to adopt the Captain's roll cards for visiting the absentees. Programme for the evening; essay on "Alcohol in Home-made Wines," &c., by Bro. Denyer. Very interesting discussion followed.

Birmingham.—"Nil Desperandum." April 3. Five initiated; good attendance. Visit of Bro. Walter J. Glover, D.C.T. Sisters presented the Lodge with a pair of handsome vases; the D.C.T. gave a capital address.

Croydon.—"Hope of Croydon." March 29. The Concert Performance and the Princess Alexandra Lodge, of the U.O.T.A.S.P. entertained good attendance; Bro. Biggs, L.D., presided; first-rate programme of songs, duets, and readings; Bro. Horr Cohen gave an address. Refreshments provided for the visitors, and a most enjoyable evening was spent; two initiated.

Accrington.—"Ebenezer." April 1. Three candidates initiated; at 8.30 p.m. 10 members of the Burnley Onward, paid a visit; Bro. J. Hargreaves, D.E.S., W.C.T., presided. The evening was spent in reading, reciting, and singing, with musical accompaniments. Bro. H. Bradshaw, W.F.S., presiding at the harmonium; a plentiful supply of coffee and currant cake was handed round to all present; five proposed for membership.

Spalding.—"Hand in Hand." April 1. First-class entertainment by members and friends, which resulted in good balance for funds. Songs were given by Mrs. Greenham, Miss Stayles, Mr. Stenson, Mrs. Moore, Mr. J. V. White, Miss G. Cook, and Master C. M. White; readings by Mr. G. E. White, Mr. J. H. White, and Mr. J. V. White, and Miss Stayles; and a recitation by Mr. Crabtree; whilst there were duets by Misses Crabtree and G. Cook, Messrs. J. W. and G. E. White, and an amusing reading by Mr. Moore. Bro. G. Hopper chairman, and large attendance.

Smethwick.—"Hope of Smethwick." March 22. Half-pound night was the programme, resulting in the sum of 2s. 6½d. being added to the Lodge funds. Bro. A. Rowley, P.D.C.T., of Walsall, presided, and afterwards read an essay on "Influence," which was well received. Small attendance; the Lodge progressing quietly since being restarted. Arranged to entertain Blue Ribbon meeting at West Bromwich.

Manchester.—"Ardwick Happy Home." March 31. Visit of the Heroes of Bradford Lodge, which was well represented. Bro. Lightfoot read a letter from Bro. E. A. Heaven, of the Empress Lodge, Jhansi, sending greetings. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments served.

Manchester.—"Loyal Robert Whitworth." April 2. Visit of the National Union Lodge who entertained. Refreshments provided.

Leeds.—"Nil Desperandum." One initiated. Visit of Friendly Aid Lodge, who rendered a good programme in an efficient and pleasing style. C.C. granted to Sister Pearson (who has left Leeds), with a vote of thanks for past services, and an expression of regret at losing her as one of our members.

Horsham.—"Rising Hope." April 1. A very successful meeting; about 64 sat down to a good tea provided by the manager of the Temperance Restaurant. After the tables were cleared a public meeting was held, presided over by Lieutenant S. S. Lowry, R.N., of H.M.S. Penelope, supported by Bros. James Mann, R. C. Symons, and others, when a successful programme was gone through very creditably. The Lodge opened afterwards, and nine candidates were initiated and four others for next week. Twenty-six initiated this quarter.

Epsom.—"Epsom Home Circle." March 29. Lodge held a public meeting in the Town Mission Room. Mr. C. Palmer presided, and Bro. C. Rohorn, D.C.T., gave an address. The Lodge has been in a week condition for some time, but it is hoped that the success of the meeting will do much to strengthen it.

Manchester.—"Tower of Refuge." March 30. Bro. Cosbrane, W.C.T., presided. Two re-admitted. Four candidates proposed. Fifty-one members enrolled this quarter. Visit of Hope of St. Bartholomew, Bro. Sherrat presided; an excellent programme of readings and songs by Sisters Swindells, Hamly, Hillier, Smith; Bros. Hamly, Sherrat, and Hughes. Speech on Temperance and Good Templary, by Bro. Rev. Bayley

Nottingham.—"Rose of Radford." March 6. Open Lodge at 8.30. Essay on "Drink," and prizes. First prize was awarded to Mr. Oxley; second to Mr. Milner.—March 13. Roses and Rosebud, being a visit of the Lodge to the Rosebud. The Temple was opened in the usual way at 6.30; at 7 the Roses were received and entertained. A pleasant evening was spent.—March 20. A very good session. Discussion on Temperance work, and the best way to get at the outside public. At 8.30 the meeting was thrown open to the public, when a lecture on "Love, Courtship, and Marriage," was given by Bro. Dutton.

Birmingham.—"Mount Pleasant." March 30. Bro. Albert Wright, W.C.T., presiding; general surprise night; a very enjoyable evening was spent; coffee, cakes, and fruit were handed round to brothers and sisters sang and recited. Bro. John Powell, L.E.S., proposed a resolution in re Henry Williams.

Dunstable.—"Alameda." March 30. Resolved that we have a public meeting during April. Decided to form a cricket club. Good attendance.

Margate.—"Perseverance." March 19. Officered and entertained by members of Walmer Castle, Richborough Castle, True Unity, and Goodwin Light Lodges. Bro. Millen, V.D., presided. Five initiated and two admitted on c.c. A capital programme was then gone through by the visitors; songs by Sisters Dugwell and March; a few pleasant remarks and a recitation by Sister Hull; Bro. Whitmore, L.D., also spoke.—March 26. No refusal, or fine 1d., which caused much amusement; three proposed.—April 2. Officered and entertained by Snug Harbour Lodge, Bro. Lambert, V.C.T.; a coffee supper was provided, which was very heartily enjoyed by everyone present. [Please write only on one side of the paper.]

Yarmouth (I.W.).—"Star in the West. Sacred songs and solos and readings, Sister Tennyson accompanying on the American organ. Second Degree conferred upon three applicants by Bro. R. Adams, L.D. Freshwater.

Enfield.—"Star of Peace." April 5. Bro. Dr. Ridge's night; who, in a very harmonious manner, entertained the Lodge with readings—Temperance, humorous, pathetic, and sensational. A most enjoyable evening was spent. One initiated. Eighteen WATCHWORDS sold weekly.

Stockport.—"Gleaner." April 5. One initiated. Bro. Haworth, W.C.T., read an able paper—"Total Abstinence v. Moderation." It was spoken upon by Bros. E. Hudson, S. M. Walford, W. D. Gaukrogers, and others. Large attendance.

Newcastle.—"New London Mission." Quite a novel feature was introduced, viz., a bird show, under the management of Bro. W. Barber, P.D.E.S. A number of valuable birds of various kinds were exhibited, and attracted much attention. Two prizes were distributed by Bro. J. T. Oliver, L.D.; the first to Bro. Day, and the second to Bro. Dunn. The attraction of the proceedings was much increased by the presence of a number of flowers from the garden of Mr. W. R. Armstrong

Boswell, kindly lent for the evening. Amongst those present were Bro. Andrew Robinson, D.C.T. Northumberland, and Bro. W. Bailey, D.S.J.T.

MANCHESTER.—"Pioneer." March 8. Officered by No. 3 Convention; songs, readings, and addresses by Sisters Myott, C.V.T., M. E. Jones, C.C., Bros. Parfitt, C.C.T., and Goodwin, C.S. One initiated.—March 15. Coffee supper, much enjoyed.—March 22.—Officered and entertained by Loyal R. Whitworth; songs, duets, readings, by Sisters Parkes and Parfitt, and Bros. Cook, Mitchell, and Parfitt. Bro. Burns narrated how he came to join our Order through finding a scrap of the "List of Lodges" from the WATCHWORD. Pleasant session.—March 29.—Surprise visit from the Tower of Refuge, over 25 of their members being present; songs, readings, &c., by Sisters Harron, Cochrane, and Nellie Gibbons, and Bros. Dorset and Parker, and address by Bro. W. Gibbon, W.D.Treas., who arranged the temple for celebrating our 15th anniversary party.—April 5. Invitation tea to all old members.

LEICESTER.—"Excelsior." April 6. Pound night; reports of absentee visiting committee, after which the Lodge was thrown open to the public and the pounds of various kinds were handed round to members and visitors, and a short entertainment was then given. An album was presented to Bro. Buswell, D.D., on his leaving the town to take up his residence at Wells, Somerset. Bro. Buswell, who has been a hard working member, will be missed. Lodge session at close, when one was initiated and two proposed.

MILITARY.

COLCHESTER.—"Stronshold of Friendship." March 10. Question night, principally on Parliamentary practice, afforded much instruction.—March 17. Irish night under Sister Jones, D.V.T., and Bros. Cooley and McCullum. An excellent programme of songs, readings, and recitations.—March 24. A programme of exclusive Temperance songs, readings, &c. Well conducted by Bro. Roberts, W.C.

COLCHESTER.—"Bedfords hire First" March 11. A lively debate on smoking. In favour, Bros. Rawl, Buckman, and Humphreys; against, Bros. Jones, D.C.T., and Shrives, D.Co. Division was adjourned.—March 18 Irish night, under Sister Jones, D.V.T.—March 25. Visit of members of Cambridge University Lodge. Greetings exchanged.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." April 3. Bro. Colour Sergeant Harrison, W.C.T., presided. Three initiated and one admitted on o.c. Programme: Pound night, a plentiful supply of cakes, fruit, sweets, &c., for all present; songs by Bros. Corporal Glen, Lovell, Bushy, and Sister Light. An invitation received from the Itchin Valley Lodge was accepted. The W.C.T. spoke on the committee's work on the proposed new Juvenile Temple, and a very bright future seems to be dawning for this object. A very pleasant evening; WATCHWORDS sold; Lodge increasing.

WALES.

RADNORSHIRE DISTRICT LODGE.—Hundred House. April 2. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m., by Bro. D. Charles Davies, D.C.T., who was supported by nearly all the other district officers, and a very fair representation of the Lodges, considering the difficulty of access to the place of meeting. The report of the D.C.T., was of an encouraging nature, it appearing that all the Lodges were in a good working condition, and that, in addition to an increase to February 1, there was a probability of still a greater increase during the current quarter, one Lodge (Union, Penybont) having initiated about 30 new members during the last two months. Bro. A. Boulter, W.S., reported a total membership in the nine Lodges on February 1st of 322, being an increase of 30 on the quarter. The D.S.G.T. (Bro. W. Thomas) stated he had recently restarted a Juvenile Temple at Rhayader, and his report showed a gain of 51 on the term. These reports were all adopted with unanimity, and other business was dealt with. It was decided to hold the next session at Erwood in June, and Bro. Councillor Beavan (District Superintendent U.K.A.), who was heartily welcomed as a visitor, delivered an encouraging address. Subsequently a public tea was provided in the schoolroom, and in the evening a well-attended public meeting took place in the Franksbridge Chapel, Bro. J. L. Jones, P.D.Coun., presiding, and addresses were delivered by Bros. Rev. T. D. Jones, Franksbridge; D. Charles Davies, D.C.T., Dandrindod Wells; and Councillor Beavan, of Cardiff. Some very good singing was rendered by the choir. In course of the meeting the D.C.T. presented a silver badge of the Order to Bro. T. Davies, L.D., for proposing the largest number of candidates for membership into the local Lodge during the past half-year.

DEGREE TEMPLE.

MANCHESTER.—"City of Manchester." March 11. Usual fortnightly session. After business, &c., enjoyable coffee supper.—March 25. Second Degree conferred upon two. Two shillings and sixpence voted to Negro Mission Fund. Tit-bits from the WATCHWORD by Bros. Gibbon, E. K. George, J. S. Gavin, &c. Temple now in good working order.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

TRURO.—"Hope of Truro." April 1. Magic lantern entertainment by Bro. W. G. Polsue. Views local, Scriptural, comical, and others, illustrative of the awful effects of drink, were exhibited, the whole forming a most enjoyable and instructive programme. Members present 87.

STRATFORD, E.—"Sunshine." March 25. Entertained Cobden Lodge from 7.30 to 9 o'clock with recitations, dialogues, and solos. A most enjoyable evening.—April 3. Entertained Stratford Enterprise Lodge from 7.45 to 9.15; recitations, dialogues, and solos. Bro. T. S. Turner gave a short address on the working of the Temple, and urged the members to help in the work. On leaving the children were presented with an orange and cake each.

SHOREDITCH.—"Hand of Friendship." March 26. Entertainment at the Blue Ribbon Mission, Old-street; as a result several pledges were taken.—March 30. Initiations and singing; Bro. Suckling gave a capital address, being listened to with great attention.

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." March 30. Pleasant session; good attendance; one initiated and seven old members received back.—Visited by Bro. Fisk, G.L.L.; Bro. Hanlon, C.S., and Sister Smith, W.V.T., the two latter being received as honorary members. Addresses were given interspersed with recitations, odes and solos by the juvenile members; and all spent a pleasant time.

GOSPORT.—On March 19 a Temple was instituted in connection with the Forton Star of Hope Lodge at Forton, near Gosport, in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Bro. Edmund Dyer, D.S.J.T., assisted by other friends instituted the same. Seventeen juveniles and nine adults were duly initiated, the same having been regaled with a substantial tea by Bro. Webber and Sister Attrill prior to opening. The proceedings were of a very encouraging nature. As some difficulty was manifested sometime since in starting a Juvenile branch in this locality, the Templa was named the Rising Star of Forton, and prospects are of such a nature as to indicate that it will indeed prove true to this name. There were many visitors present from Portsmouth and Gosport. Bro. Dyer gave an address. Bro. Webber, the S.J.T. of the new Temple, returned thanks to all who had helped.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." March 31. Three initiated. An interesting blackboard lesson, "Our House," by Bro. W. Bartlett. Thirty-five present.

STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—"Hope of Stonehouse." March 30. Visit to the Stonehouse Lodge. Some excellent recitations and songs were given. The members partook afterwards of a very good tea, which was provided for them by the members of the Lodge. The committee then distributed prizes to some, and a few encouraging words to all. The best prize was sent by a publican of the neighbourhood for one of the children. A very pleasant evening was spent.

ACCRINGTON.—"Hope of Accrington." April 1. The Temple was instituted this evening by Bro. F. Ayton, D.S.J.T. and will be affiliated with the Ebenezer Lodge. Twenty-six young folks present, and six adults. Officers duly installed. A plentiful supply of coffee and currant cake was supplied to them, as well as biscuits and sweets. The evening was spent, closing at 9 o'clock, in singing, reciting, &c. Two prizes were given. Bro. Pramhall, Accrington Ebenezer, promised to present that day month, for the best recitation, a 2s. 6d. volume.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Nil Desperandum. April 3. Two candidates initiated. Songs, recitations and dialogues by members. Good meeting.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

SOUTH STAFFORD.—A meeting of the Council was held in the Wesleyan School, Brownhills, on April 3rd. Sister H. E. Young, D.S.J.T., presided. The attendance was not up to the average, but some good work was done. It was resolved that the Council spend £2 in prizes for the Juvenile Examination, and that distribution of same be left in hands of Executive. Bro. A. Rowley, D.C.Treas., reported a balance in hand of £3 16s. 11½d. Reports of V.S.J.T. shewed the District to be in a fairly prosperous state. It was decided to hold the next Council meeting on July 3 at West Bromwich, Bro. Nelson Ball, D.C.Sec., to be asked to perform chemical experiments on that occasion, and that Juvenile Temples in the neighbourhood be invited to attend.

NORTH DURHAM.—Annual session; Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, High-street, Gateshead, April 3. The Council was called to order by Bro. J. A. Harrison, P.S.J.T., at 3 p.m. The report of the D.S.J.T. was very interesting and satisfactory. It shewed that in spite of the depression in trade great progress had been made in the District; 26 Temples were reported to be working with a membership of 2,608, being an increase of 78 juveniles and 156 members for the quarter, and an increase for the year of 662 members. The two largest Temples in the District are the Pride of Ayres Quay, with a membership of 392, and the John Wesley with 250 members. Both Temples meet in the same neighbourhood. The reports of the S.J.T.'s and V.S.J.T.'s shewed that a good work was carried on in every Temple. The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £3 0s. 10d. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—That a vote of thanks be forwarded to Bro. John Wilson, M.P., for his support and able speech on the Durham Sunday Closing Bill in the House of Commons. That a vote of thanks be tendered to Bro. Reginald Bailey, D.S.J.T., for his energetic services during the past three years as chief officer. That the next Council meeting be held in Durham City. The election of officers resulted in the following being elected:—D.S.J.T., Bro. J. A. Harrison; D.C.C., Bro. W. Coates; C.V.T., Sister S. Hall; C.T., Sister A. Jamison; C.S., Bro. A. Campbell; C.C., Bro. J. Dykes; C.M., Bro. J. Edwards; C.A.S., Bro. T. Carter; C.L.M., Sister Garfield; C.G., Sister M. Hall; C.S., Bro. T. Teasdale. The D.S.J.T., and C.S., were instructed to draw up a quarterly visiting plan; a very successful meeting was brought to a close at 6.30. There was a very large attendance of representatives and visitors.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

BOLTON AND FARNWORTH.—A special session was held at the Happy Home Lodge in the Primitive Methodist School-room, Higher Bridge-street, Bolton, on March 29. There were present Reps. from six Lodges and three Temples, and a good number of members. The S.D.C.T. presided, and gave a speech on the Symbols of the Order, which was followed by Bro. Tynon, V.D. Bro. A. Isherwood also gave an address on mission work, and intimated that the Executive had decided to hold a Good Templars mission in the neighbourhood, and earnestly appealed for assistance. After a few other minor questions had been discussed and one member initiated the meeting terminated.

S. E. LANCASHIRE.—A special session of No. 4 Convention (Salford) was held at the Hope of Salford Lodge-room on April 2, Bro. John Handley, C.C.T., presiding. Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., was introduced with honours, and presided during the remainder of the session. It was then unanimously resolved that "the resignations of the Convention officers be tendered and accepted, and that Convention amalgamate with the Degree Temple about to be formed." Nine brothers and sisters then signed the roll, and the Temple was named "No. 4 Convention Degree Temple." Bro. F. D. Sherratt, W.S.J.T., &c., was recommended as Temple Deputy, and the following officers were installed by Bro. Tolton:—D. T., Bro. J. Handley; D.V.T., Sister Sherratt; D. Sec., Bro. R. Bowers, jun.; D.F.S., Bro. A. Austin; D.Tr., Bro. T. Goodier; D.Ch., Sister F. Handley; D.M., Bro. H. O'Neill; D.G., Bro. Irving; P.D.T., Bro. J. C. Stokoe. Bros. Sherratt, Stokoe, and D. Gavin were appointed a Committee on Bye-laws, Place of next meeting and future action with regard to Lodges not affiliated with the Temple left to the Executive.

NAVAL GOOD TEMPLARY IN THE WEST INDIES.

Bro. E. Dolman, Sergeant R.M.A., L.D. of 2nd United Service Lodge, H.M.S. Canada, writes as follows:—"The transfer of this Lodge to the Naval District has given great satisfaction, and although our position previous to the transfer was not clearly defined, we had not slacked up our reins, but availed ourselves of every opportunity of holding meetings on shore. Whilst we have been cruising with the fleet we have usually had representatives of all Lodges present, and therefore been able to counsel and encourage each other. I am inclined to think that now we are all working under the one District that we shall have more unity and co-operation one with the other, and therefore be able to add more force to our work. We have several ships leaving the station now for home, who have Lodges on board, but we hope to see their charters turned over to their successors. The Executive would like to see this done in all cases, and we do hope that by united efforts that the station in future may give a good account of itself in Good Templary. We have held several very successful public meetings at Jamaica and Barbadoes, and received great support from the local brethren, and I cannot speak too highly of the conduct and earnestness of the coloured brethren. It would do some of our home Lodges good to see how they conduct their meetings. We have received a great addition to our strength in the ship by the appointment of Bro. W. Capper, gunner who was one of the first to introduce the Order in these islands, and therefore knows many of the people. Public meetings were held at Bermuda, where we were installed and helped the work. We also started Sunday evening meetings on the Blue Ribbon Army lines in the Templars Hall, the dockyard Chaplain heartily co-operating with us. On our leaving, this work was left in the hands of Bro. Ellis, R.N., who, I know, will render a good account of his stewardship. From Bermuda we went to Port Royal, Jamaica, and owing to the yellow fever being prevalent, we did not see much of the brethren on shore. But Bro. Capper was successful in hunting up some of his old friends, who in early days were Good Templars and bore the heat and burden of the fray, and are still earnest workers in the good cause. From there we went to Port Antonio, where a hearty welcome awaited us. A public meeting was held in the Court House presided over by the Rev. S. Sutton, at which Bros. Cottrell and Capper gave earnest addresses, the entertainment being provided by the Templars from the ships. Three Lodge sessions were held in the same place, and several pledges taken; a Temperance sermon was also preached by Bro. Capper, in the Wesleyan Church. From there we proceeded with pleasant recollections to Barbadoes, and we had a right royal reception from Bro. Joseph Woune and his family charter members of the Star of Hope Lodge, who, during our stay gave his house for a sailor's home. Here we had a tea and public entertainment in the Bethel School-room, presided over by the Rev. J. H. Daniel, editor of the Wesleyan *Watchman*; several pledges were taken. A blue ribbon meeting was next held in Green Parklane School. Addresses given. Thirty-five pledges were taken, all coloured people, whilst at Trinidad and St. Vincent, we also held meetings, and an open session, the native brethren, admitting that we were giving them a good lift in their work; but, I am sorry to say, that on this island (St. Lucia), there are no Good Templars, most of the people being French, so we must be content to wait till we get to Antigua, were some flourishing Lodges are located, thence we go via Jamaica, to Bermuda from which place I shall again write.—W. DAVEY, W.D.S. (Naval) 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton.

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The London Central Club, be it known, is a most commodious and well-appointed institution, occupying a spacious and massive building of six large floors in the very heart of the great city. It has been in existence about two years, and was started with considerable spirit and pluck, after the somewhat disastrous failure of a similar effort. The cry went forth that a good London club could not possibly pay without making profits out of the sale of drink. The answer was "Then more shame for the Temperance community if they do not determine to make it pay." Several thousand pounds have been expended in fitting and furnishing the London Central Club, and in paying the expenses of starting and of waiting for an accession of members, and these two years have been an anxious and arduous time for the founders. But at last, by a great effort, and by the munificence mainly of a few good Temperance friends who are far too heavily pressed, capital has been subscribed to clear off all past liabilities, and to make a new start for a future, and, we trust, a prosperous career.

We do not appeal, therefore, for gifts. All we ask for now is that Temperance friends who are able will become members of the club. The subscription for town members residing within 10 miles, or having daily business in London, is two guineas per annum, payable in half-yearly instalments; while for country members, residing beyond that distance, the annual subscription is only half-a-guinea; and there is no entrance fee. The advantages are that members have a house of call where they can invite friends, make business appointments, obtain well-served refreshments at very reasonable charges, read the papers and magazines, play at billiards, chess, draughts, &c., write letters, leading articles, or poetry if they like, in a quiet writing-room, have a good "wash and brush up," and—tell it not—even indulge in a quiet smoke in retired quarters. Surely this is a good return for so small a subscription.

But we press the matter on higher grounds than the mere return of value for money. We have other clubs to compete with: Political clubs, drinking clubs, gambling clubs, aristocratic class clubs, &c., &c., whereas this is *bonâ fide* a Temperance club. Many of its members are not pledged teetotalers, but they gladly join and cheerfully conform to its rules, and thus new habits are formed and practical Temperance teaching prevails. We need hardly say how readily money flows in to a party political club. Ought not the rich men of the Temperance movement to be equally ready to support a Temperance club? Such a club should be the central meeting point of the leaders of every section of the Temperance movement, of their conferences and councils; and we have stood by this club from its beginning till now with this feeling—that it would be a disgrace to so great a movement as ours, after once such an effort had been made, and temporarily repulsed by the drink interest, if it could be said that the Temperance reformers of England had not sufficient public spirit and cohesion amongst them to make such a club an established fact and an assured success.

THE SALE OF LIQUORS TO CHILDREN

Mr. Conybeare scored a good stroke of success on Friday, 2nd inst., the same date that was signalised by Sir J. Pease's Curtailment of Sunday Liquor-selling. The provisions of Mr. Conybeare's Bill were stated in the Watchword last week. They prohibit publicans from selling to children under 13 years of age, prescribing a penalty up to 20s. for the first offence, and 40s. for subsequent offences.

The proposal emanated from a committee of influential Temperance men, of whom Mr. W. I. Palmer is one of the leading

spirits, with Mr. George Calvert, acting as secretary with his accustomed zeal and energy. An influential conference recently held at Exeter Hall countenanced the effort, after receiving a report of a public-house census which had been taken by the members of the Tolmers Square Help Myself Society and other friends on a Saturday night between the hours of 9 and 12. It shewed that 48,805 men, 30,784 women, and 7,019 children entered 200 drinking houses in three hours, Those 200 houses thus enumerated were considered to be fairly representative of the 10,000 other licensed premises in the Metropolis, and it was estimated that in London some 250,000 boys and girls are thus becoming habituated to the surroundings of the public-house, breathing its vitiated atmosphere, witnessing its awful sights, listening to its demoralising talk, and imbibing its dangerous drinks.

The statement of the committee avers that the state of London in regard to this crying evil is unhappily not exceptional. A Saturday night drinking census of the City of Bristol in 1881, shewed that in four hours **12,000** children entered **900** drinking houses. And what is true of London and Bristol may also be regarded as true of the majority of unpopulous cities and towns.

With such facts and figures before earnest Christian men and women, what could they do less than urge forward immediate legislation on the lines of Mr. Conybeare's bill? It was naturally anticipated that the proposal would be met by the old cry of "interference with the liberty of the subject," and the committee therefore published precedents for such interference, and reminded those who want to carry the useful doctrine of liberty to the extreme of licentiousness that by Act of Parliament no child under 13 years can be employed full time in a factory or mine; by Act of Parliament every child under 13 must attend school; and by Act of Parliament no child under 12 may pledge at a pawn-shop. These regulations suggested how unreasonable it would be to hinder legislation designed to protect young children from the contamination of drinkshops, where all that is precious in child nature may be destroyed.

A long debate ensued, in which a great deal of very small talk was indulged in, but in the small hours of Saturday morning the second reading was adopted by 132 votes for, 115 against, a majority of 17. We heartily pray that this measure may pass through committee unmaimed, and become law in its entirety.

SUNDAY CLOSING.

Sir Joseph Pease's Bill for the curtailment of Sunday liquor selling passed its second reading on Friday, 2nd inst., in a rather small House, there being 101 votes for and 41 against, giving a majority of 60. Only three members are reported to have spoken—Lord Cranborne, Mr. Llewellyn, and Sir J. Pease, and the announcement of the majority was received with laughter and cheers. The "swells" were for the most part away dining, and were somewhat surprised on returning in evening dress towards 10 o'clock to find that considerable progress had been made in actual legislation. Lord Randolph was particularly chagrined, and vented himself in characteristic fashion. Lord Cranborne tried to make an effective speech against the Bill, commencing, of course, as opponents usually do, by declaring that "the proposal was one with which he had a very great deal of sympathy." He wanted to put off all Temperance legislation till the Government might introduce it with the Local Government Bill. And then, doubtless, he would do his best to render nugatory any really Temperance element that might appear. He made one suggestion that should not be lost sight of, namely, that a great deal of Sunday drunkenness was attributable to Saturday night drinking, and this pointed rather to a Saturday Night Closing Bill. Very good, my Lord Cranborne, we shall look for an amendment from you in this direction when the Bill reaches committee. He would support a Bill for shortening the hours of labour of women in public-houses; but this could be attained without closing the houses. Yes, Lord Cranborne and his friends would doubtless support anything that is not proposed to be done in preference to what is in a Bill before the House. But Sunday Closing would shorten the hours of labour for many thousand men, women, and children who are not employed in public-houses; and more than this, it would ensure them better results for their labour in increased home comfort and happiness; so Lord Cranborne may as well come up to the very moderate and halting measure of Sir J. Pease, and think more of the welfare of the people and less of the vested interests of the brewers and publicans.

We have said that the measure is moderate and halting. We append a statement of the proposed changes, prefacing it by shewing what are

THE EXISTING REGULATIONS.

The hours during which public-houses are at present open on Sunday are as follows:—

In the metropolitan district—

From 1 o'clock p.m. to 3 o'clock p.m. From 6 o'clock p.m. to 11 o'clock p.m.

Elsewhere—

From 12.30 o'clock p.m. to 2.30 o'clock p.m. From 6 o'clock p.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES

are as follows:—

It is proposed by this Bill to reduce the evening hours of opening IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, so that houses may remain open—

From 7 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock p.m.

And in places OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, but within the metropolitan police district, or a town or populous place as defined by the Act of 1874, so that houses may remain open—

From 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock p.m.

In places outside the metropolitan district, but within the metropolitan police district or a town or populous place, it is proposed to prohibit any sale of intoxicating liquor during the hours of opening, except the sale of beer, &c., for consumption off the premises.

In the country it is proposed that public-houses should not be opened at all on Sunday, but neither in town nor country is it proposed to alter the present law as regards a *bonâ fide* traveller, or as relates to railway refreshment rooms.

The effect of placing such a measure as this in competition with Mr. Stevenson's Bill is to suggest that public-house trading on Sundays ought to be and is encouraged by Act of Parliament.

The curtailment provided by this measure is in the right direction. It is well to be thankful for small mercies. Like a billiard-marker, or a cricket-scorer, Sir Joseph Pease has endeavoured to mark the advance of public opinion on the Statute Book, but with great respect for his good intentions, we think he has scored with a strong leaning to the publican interest, and that he has altogether miscalculated and under-rated the widespread public desire for total closing. It remains for earnest-minded reformers to continue their good efforts, and not to rest until the evil traffic is stopped on Sundays, as other trades are, and on week-days also wherever public opinion demands protection from its withering and blighting curse.

The G.W.C.T. requests us to call the attention of all Lodges to his official notice—*re* the recommendation of Lodge Deputies and Lodge Electoral Superintendents.

The remarkable experiences of five Good Templar sailors, who were icebound for over a fortnight in the Baltic Sea and suffered many trials, are narrated in another column, and are well worth reading.

Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P. for Barrow-in-Furness, will be an acquisition to our forces in Parliament we most heartily rejoice to welcome. Both on personal grounds and for the sake of our cause, Mr. Caine's re-election will afford genuine satisfaction to all sections of Temperance Reformers.

The Bengal Government are just perpetrating an atrocious job by legalising State manufactories of drunkards. It is done on the plea of reducing intemperance, but the Government Distilleries and their retail agencies selected with "greater care," will be simply a big network of State officialism for making the natives drunk and absorbing their hard earnings. We print elsewhere the statement of the *Times* correspondent.

Bro. the Rev. H. J. Boyd, D.C.T., secretary of the British Temperance League, writes as follows: "In your excellent leader of April 5 there is an error that should be corrected. The writer says: 'Witness the declaration passed at the late conference at Sheffield, of the Northern Branch of the National Temperance Federation, which resolved that "A mere transfer authority from the magistrates to Town Councils, or to anybody proposed to be created under a Local Government Bill, would rather increase the evil complained of.' Such resolution was drawn by the Executive of the British Temperance League, and placed before the conference; but as there was a difference of opinion, and the time for debate having been exhausted, at the request of several friends the resolution was withdrawn."

The Punishment of Profanity is so rare an occurrence that it is worth noting as a warning both to old and young. A Mr. George Bliss, of Beckenham, was summoned by a neighbour for using profane language. The proceedings were taken under Act 19, George II., c. 21, sec. 1, which provides a penalty of 1s. if the offender be a day labourer, common soldier, or common seaman; 2s. for every other person below the degree of a gentleman; and 5s. if of or above the degree of a gentleman. Mr. Bliss was fined 2s. and 1s. costs, thus having not only to pay the penalty but to suffer for the remainder of his days from the odium of a judicial decision to the effect that he is a person below the degree of a gentleman. After this we shall certainly do our best, both as journalists and individually, to avoid the use of profane language, and hope our all contemporaries will do the same. The newspapers reporting the case do not even inform us what words constituted the offence, for fear, we presume, that they might be similarly fined. Had this unfortunate man taken the pledge of a Juvenile Templar, who knows but he might have attained the degree of a gentleman, and his bliss might have been complete?

To the Children's Rescue.—Pressure will doubtless be needed to guard against the mutilation of Mr. Conybeare's Bill. A great effort will be made to prevent its application to children fetching beer for their parents. Letters and memorials should be sent to members of Parliament urging the support of the complete Bill, and asking them to vote against any such mutilation in committee. If such an exception be made to the Bill, it will open the way for wholesale excuse and evasion. The publican will always assume that parents have sent the children. Our M.P.'s will not suffer in their vertebral department by the aid of a little gentle and healthy stimulus which no one can supply so well as their own active constituents. A little quiet, plodding work of this kind, writing letters, preparing memorials, getting signatures, and such like, may do more real good than talking on public platforms, and spending no end of energy in points of order or personal squabbles. Here, then, is an opportunity for doing useful work. Who will rise to the occasion? Every friend of the children should do something. If our sisters cannot vote they can write; they can influence others; they can send petitions from children and from children's parents. We hope that an earnest effort will be made, and that this small but most valuable measure will be carried safely through, and speedily become the law of our land.

The G.W.C.T. Note Book.

The D.C.T. of East Kent, Bro. Weston, issues an edition of "Onward," monthly in Folkestone, with several pages of local matter, which he edits.

Our Soldier Brethren in India had a cricket match on Christmas Day, when the eleven of True to the Core Lodge beat those of the Hazel Dale Lodge.

Mr. Lewis McIver, M.P. for Torquay, said recently: "Excellent as are the purposes of other organisations of Temperance, *the Good Templars are the fighting men!*"

The "Queen's Park" (London) Cricket Club, I see, is a Good Templar one, and has numerous engagements; several of the opposing teams also being Templar elevens.

North Durham has several Lodges with over 100 members. They are—999 (Tow Law) 132 members; 2146 (Howden-le-Wear), 120; 131 (Stockton), 107; 3245 (Stockton), 106.

The Rev. E. N. Matthews, who planted the Order in Belgium, has issued from the Sailors' Institute at Shadwell a shilling work, entitled "Belaying Pin Gospel," detailing the brutalities practised upon seamen aboard merchant ships.

In my former list of long service Lodge Deputies I did not hear soon enough of Bro. H. Ekins, who has been Lodge Deputy of the Star of St. Neots Lodge, Hunts., ever since April, 1872, and is therefore one of the oldest Deputies in England.

El Templario is the name of the first Spanish Temperance periodical ever issued, its first number appearing on New Year's Day at Monte Video, South America, as the organ of the Spanish Good Templars in the republics of La Plata and Uruguay.

A Long Ride.—A visitor to Unite and Conquer Lodge, No. 419, at Bark Creek, New South Wales, says the members travel great distances to attend its sessions. One brother had that evening travelled 28 miles on horseback to attend the ordinary session.

The Mayor of Hythe, in presiding recently at a meeting of Good Templars, said, "he considered it only a magistrate's duty to take an interest in all meetings held for the promotion of the welfare of the people over whom he was placed. He also recommended Good Templary as being a powerful institution for good in the world, and worthy the support of all right-thinking people."

The Lancashire Congregational Union has recently met in Lancaster, where Bro. R. Mansergh's valuable services and those of Sister Mansergh, jun., in connection with the reception were duly acknowledged by the conference. Bro. R. Mansergh has for years been the District Secretary for the Congregational Union for North Lancashire, of which area he is District Chief Templar.

The Birmingham School Board, on pressure from the caucus, has rescinded the resolution excluding intoxicants from the schools, which can, therefore, be again intermittently licensed as temporary drink shops. As they cannot be shamed by their friends I exposed them in a full letter, to their enemies—the *St. James's Gazette*—and which is reprinted in the *Alliance News* and *Church of England Temperance Chronicle*. Wait till the next School Board election!

"Oh for a *Lodge* in some vast wilderness," said Shakespeare. Bombardier James Hardy, of the 8th Brigade Royal Artillery, which has just been removed from Hong Kong to Ceylon, writes from Fort Frederick, Trincomalee, saying:—

"I was rather taken back a day or two after my arrival here to find a Good Templars' Lodge in a jungle. It was after sunset when I set out to find the Lodge, and after walking some time through the jungle I saw a lamp suspended from a cocoa-nut tree, its brilliancy illuminating the jungle around, the lamp being marked in glaring letters with the inscription *Unity Lodge I.O.G.T.* I feel that such energy on the part of the pioneers who first planted a Lodge in such an isolated spot in Ceylon is highly commendable."

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Question.—Is it requisite tor the *Bible* to be *closed* after the business of the Lodge is over, and when the programme commences?

Answer.—No. The Bible should not be closed. When the proceedings are unsuited to an open Bible, the Lodge itself should be closed.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The business capacity of the new House of Commons is surprising to many, forming as it does a marked coutrast to some of the proceedings of the late Parliament. A few of the "old fossils" which have found their way into the House, protest that the pace is altogether too fast, that measures are not properly discussed, and the fact of any Bill being forwarded a stage during the dinner hour is simply monstrous. Such were the complaints made on Friday, April 2, when members strolled leisurely into the House late in the evening and discovered that Sir J. Pease's Sunday Closing Bill had been read a second time, that the Durham Bill had passed through Committee, several other Bills advanced a stage, and the House in the midst of a discussion on Mr. Conybeare's Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) Bill.

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Altogether the proceedings of the evening were eminently satisfactory, not only because of the success obtained, but also for the diversity of opinion expressed, as this clearly shewed who are friends and who are opponents. The right hon. member for South Paddington was indignant at the course the House of Commons was taking, "harassing individual liberty and laying down what the working-classes are to do at every hour of the day." The leader of the Opposition declared that such a law would be an "intolerable nuisance to the working classes." And so the tale went on. The glory of England was departing and we were fast degenerating from the independence once boasted of, to something worse than slavery.

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It is curious to note, however, that many of the representatives of working-class constituencies took a very different view of the matter, and boldly affirmed that Mr. Conybeare's Bill would be a boon to the land. Parliament years ago admitted that it was the duty of the nation to see that its children were educated. But the good many receive at school is counter-balanced by the evil influences of the public-house, the associations of which are both demoralising and degrading. It is from the influences of these surroundings this Bill is intended to protect our children, and I sincerely hope it will be passed. If it is to be amended, I hope it will be in making its provisions more stringent. The prohibitive age should be 16, and not 13.

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There are many things in this world I cannot understand, and one is how a man can have the cause of Temperance at heart, proclaim he is anxious to see the drink traffic curtailed, and, if possible, abolished; and yet whenever any proposal to this end is brought forward he feels it his duty to oppose it. To me this seems a curious method of helping on a good cause.

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The *St. James's Gazette* has been pouring out the vials of its wrath on Mr. Conybeare and his co-adjutors, affirming that the nation is becoming tired of such "grandmotherly legislation" as they are proposing. This self-constituted champion of the rights of Englishmen says that the "working classes will not endure this interference with their domestic concerns; it is administrative tyranny, the violence of a clique, and is already provoking reaction. The good sense of Englishmen revolts from the notion that the freedom of all is to be restrained by a petty, meddling, and harassing despotism." Unfortunately for the *St. James's*, matters appear to be just the reverse, and everywhere we hear expressions of pleasure and gratitude at the turn legislation is taking with regard to social affairs.

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Some of the leading Temperance workers in Central Hackney recently sent a letter to Sir Wilfrid Lawson, asking him to come forward as a candidate for that constituency at the next election. Sir Wilfrid, however, whilst appreciating the cordiality of the invitation, is not disposed to accept it, feeling sure that no difficulty will be experienced in finding a man who will unite the Liberal party, and secure the seat when the next contest takes place. At the same time, Temperance reformers are very anxious to see their leader back again at St. Stephen's, and trust that similar answers to the above will not be made to every invitation sent to him from constituencies.

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The April number of the *Band of Hope Chronicle* contains a letter from Uitenhage, Cape Colony. This is written by Sister S. Rosa, Superintendent of Bands of Hope and Juvenile Temples, and gives a most encouraging account of the work carried on by her among the native and white population. Our sister says:—

"We have either a Band of Hope or Juvenile Temple in most towns, but we are very isolated our only means of communication being by letter, for one society is usually 50 miles from the next. I have under my care about 400 young people, white and coloured, which are divided into 14 bands. The work is very uphill owing to the want of good superintendents and materials, such as books, tracts, and music; but it amply repays all the time and trouble when one considers that the young of to-day, rightly trained, will be valuable Temperance workers in the future. The native work is most interesting. I have a large band of 110 members, we march or sing once a month; and also gave an entertainment interspersed with blackboard lessons from the *Chronicle*. You should see their bright eager eyes and white teeth gleaming when they answer questions correctly. I should be so thankful if any of your readers, who have spare copies of services of songs, tracts, leaflets, &c., would kindly forward them to me. They would be most welcome, and would help on our work so much. We are really too poor to buy new ones."

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If any members can comply with Sister Rosa's request, I hope they will. A pound weight may be sent by book-post for one shilling.

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Two memorials are to be unveiled on Good Friday. One at Nunhead Cemetery, erected to the memory of our late Bro. George Thornelee; and the other at the corner of Great College-street, Kentish Town, where a memorial drinking fountain is being placed to the memory of Jabez Inwards. Both were true "heroes in the strife," and their names are honoured in many homes.

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Bro. Chriss Willson's letter in last week's Watchword reminds me of an incident which came under my notice some time ago. One of our sisters was dangerously ill, and both doctor and nurse said she would have to take "something" if she was to get well again. The husband, also a member of the Order, was told this, but he declined to purchase the "something," stating that he believed milk and beef-tea would be more likely to give strength to his wife than all the "somethings" put together. These remedies were tried, with the result that our sister gradually regained her health, and to-day is pronounced "a wonder" by the doctor.

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A Sunday-school teacher, writing recently to one of his scholars who was just going out to business, gave him the following excellent advice:—Be always neat, and never go in for anything "loud." Leave the fast fellows, with whom you are sure to come in contact, to their own devices. Have no more association with them than you are compelled. The City of London, and in fact every large town, is full of these fellows, who never did either themselves or anyone else any good. Remember in this as in other departments of life, "a man is known by the company he keeps." I am glad you are already an abstainer as that is one possible danger removed out of your way. If I could live three lives, I would live them as an abstainer.

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Dr. F. C. Coley, of Newcastle, has sent some recommendations to the Press, which he suggests should be adopted in places where a measure of local option would be practically inoperative. The chief changes he proposes are:—That all places where intoxicating liquor is sold to the public be closed at 9 p.m. in large towns, and at 8.30 p.m. in the country. The refreshment rooms at railway stations should be allowed to be open for the use of passengers only as at present, and that persons engaging beds at hotels be supplied with whatever they might require at any time. He follows up these suggestions with several arguments for and against. As Good Templars, we welcome every movement for the curtailment of the traffic, and though prohibition is the mark aimed at, we look upon each additional hour during which the sale of drink is forbidden as a step in the right direction.

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It is announced that the conference on the subject of the abuses in connection with the sale of alcoholic liquors to the fishermen of the North Sea will meet at The Hague about the middle of June.

Free Lance.

GOOD TEMPLAR SAILORS ICE-BOUND.

Bro. W. Woodall, W.C.T., of Hull, sends us the following interesting particulars of the triumph of Good Templar principles through great and dire trials:—

I am pleased to publish through the columns of the Watchword the following details which were experienced by five of the members of the Kingston-upon-Hull Lodge. No. 210. I think that the deprivations, the intense cold, and the perilous position of the crew evidence most strongly that under any circumstances Temperance principles are best, and I am proud of the five members of our Order for the following, which I will relate in the chief officer's own words.

He said the steam ship Cato, belonging to Thomas Wilson, Sons, and Co. (the owners of over 60 vessels), left Hull on February 28, bound for Stettin up the Baltic. She had on board five members of the Kingston-upon-Hull Lodge, I.O.G.T., of which I was one. Amid the smiles and waving of handkerchiefs of our wives and families we made straight away down the Humber, and went at a good speed until we reached the Helman, where we encountered a strong gale, and was driven back about 60 miles, the gale moderated, and fair headway was made until about 20 miles from Hershell Lighthouse; here we fell in with great blocks of ice, which were moving about in such force as to make our position dangerous. The cold was intense; the water would freeze a foot in one night; every rope, spar, and everything on board was glazed over with ice. The top rigging having been blown away, I had to send one of the crew (a brother) up the icy coils of rope, and when he came down, so numb and void of feeling was he, that the captain offered him a glass of grog. I was afraid for a moment that he might yield, but my feare were groundless, he asked for a jug of coffee. We proceeded a little further and sighted five other steamships approaching from Gothenburg in company with an ice breaker; we fell in with eight outward bound steamers at Wingo, four of which turned in at this port, but the master of the Cato determined to face further up the Baltic, and we worked our way through the ice as best we could until we reached and passed Copenhagen. On March 5 we again fell in with heavy ice, and on the 6th were completely fast. Our good ship Cato, the vessel that had weathered many a storm, and her crew, who had seen many dangers, was hemmed in on all sides by a deep thickness of ice, for how long God alone at that time knew. Our provisions were scanty, and everything seemed to have a black outlook. Day after day amid the wilderness of ice each man only had seven ounces of black hard biscuit for every 24 hours. We never longed so much for our Lodge coffee supper, we knew you were having, and that perhaps some of our own flesh and blood were enjoying themselves there, little dreaming that we had to contend with intenso cold, and with little to eat. About four miles from our ship three other steamers fast in the ice were "stuck." The mate and eight others of the crew, took the "boat," and went over the ice to seek provisions from these steamers, for Jack Tar generally shares and shares alike in difficulties. On their way one of our brother Templars fell through a soft place in the ice into the sea; after some difficulty he was got out, and in a moment his clothes were dried into crystalised ice, not a comfortable suit no how. We got a little packing (food) but the s.s. Dogma had to find "prog" (food) for 40 persons from other ships fast up as were ourselves. It took the boat's crew six hours going and coming the four miles, and so exhausted were they that the boat was left behind, and they ventured on foot over the ice, which if the sun appears softens in places and in they flop (fall). After their return we devoured our share of scraps (eatables) and then it was rest awhile. The master sent grog round for the starving crew, but the five Good Templars to quench their thirst sucked the snow. We were so fast until March 20, or a little over a fortnight. In fetching back the boat all hands flopped into the sea, and were wet more or less, but thank God all were saved. On March 21 a hungry and wretched crew arrived at Stettin.

Such are the experiences of the Cato crew, as told by the chief mate, Bro. Standish. I will not further encroach upon your space by telling of the prayers and hopes and fears and anxiety of not only the families of the crew, but the whole town which thought the vessel lost. The owners had sent out searchers with provisions, but, of course, the ice prevented successful results. However, when the ship arrived in our port on Thursday, the 1st inst., I am afraid our demonstrations of pleasure to see again our rescued brethren restored once more to their (weeping for joy) families, would make us appear like the proverbial April character, but the joyous welcome at our Lodge meeting made up in a great measure for all the trials and deprivations of the past few weeks.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

[This column is for notes of progress. Tersely and briefly expressed paragraphs of news, of the institution or restoring of Lodges, and the extension of the Order invited.]

Radcliffe.—The 14th anniversary of the Radcliffe Lodge, being on March 28, the members celebrated the same by holding a mission in the Co-operative Hall, Radcliffe, from March 21 to 28 inclusive. Mr. William Forbes, of London, was secured as missioner, and the various meetings were presided over by the following gentlemen; William Barlow, Esq., Rev. H. A. Starkie, M.A. (rector), Bro. Rev. W. T. Stonestreet, Rev. W. L. Tonge, George E. Anson, Esq., of Manchester, Rev. H. W. James; and on Saturday, Mr. Robert Leake, M.P. for the division, when Mr. Forbes lectured on "Canada and the United States." On Sunday, 28th, Mr. G. M. Harvey, Baptist minister, presided in the afternoon, and Mr. Forbes in the evening, when he took for his subject "Heaven and how to get there." On Monday 29th a conversazione was held. Glees were given by the choir and some first-class talent was engaged. Mr. William Hodgson presided. Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., took part in the proceedings, and the daughters of Mr. Leake favoured by their presence. An augmented choir sang at each meeting and their services were greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Christchurch.—The third entertainment for working classes was held at the Church Institute on Saturday evening, April 3, in connection with the Hope of Twynham Lodge. There was a full attendance, Bro. Rev. Lowe presiding. The entertainment, which was well received, lasted nearly three hours, and the programme included songs, readings, and recitations, by Sisters S. Horne, Lawrence, Lowe, Mann, E. and A. Tizard, and Watton; Bros. Frizzell, Harris, March, G. H. and J. Marshall, Mott, Moyle, Read, Spong, and Stay; and Master E. Mott. During the evening, the dialogue, "Maggie's Vigil," from the Watchword Christmas Number, was given amid applause. Most of the items on the programme were, as usual, Temperance pieces, and doubtless had some good effect upon the audience.

East Somerset.—Some few months since the Executive formed themselves into a Mission Committee for the purpose of immediately working the District. A fund has been formed by each Lodge making a quarterly subscription, either by collection in Lodge or at the public meeting arranged by the committee, the committee taking the responsibility of all expenses, speakers, and programme. The committee has held meetings, and been successful in resuscitating Lodges at Wrington and Timsbury the former having now a capital Juvenile Temple in connection with the Lodge. Well attended public meetings at Carlingcott, Mid Somernorton, and Chilcompton. At the latter place the D.C.T., Bro. J. S. Sturges, instituted a Lodge of 12 members, which Lodge is steadily increasing. The committee early in the winter months made a "Grand Charge" upon Portishead (which place they have unsuccessfully tried to capture before), but this time with the G.W.C.T. as their general, and after a splendid public meeting, with Col. Simpson (Portishead) in the chair, Bro. J. Malins instituted The Dove Lodge, consisting of 12 members, among whom were the Sailors' Missionary as W.C.T, the schoolmaster as W.Sec., and the station master as W.Chap. With such members there is not much wonder that we have since received a report of membership treble the number at starting. For more than 12 months we have been without a Lodge at Frome but last week our G.W.C.T. was announced to deliver an address. The H.M.Committee had well posted the town, and distributed numerous bills and tracts during the previous week at meetings being held in connection with a Gospel Temperance Mission, and at the close of this meeting our G.W.C.T. was again successful in starting a new Lodge of 11 members, and from a letter received since they hope to double their number by next week. The D.C.T. (Bro. J. S. Sturges) has instituted a new Lodge to meet in Bath on Saturday nights, at his school, Lo Studio, having 13 members.

Manchester.—For some time past the attendance of members at the Manchester Pioneer Lodge has been but scanty, owing in a great measure, no doubt, to the several recent removals, each time leaving behind some members who could not follow the Lodge to its new room. However, the "faithful few" who attended well to the meetings resolved to make a united effort to win back the old members, and with that aim held a re-union tea party on April 5, tickets being personally presented to all whose whereabouts could be ascertained. About 30 sat down to a very plentiful table of good things, after which a short meeting was held, presided over by Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T. Songs, readings, and recitations were given by Sisters Golden, M. E. Jones, Mrs. Farrington, and Miss H. Jones, and a very hearty vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. H. J. Jones, it being his birthday and the 15th anniversary of his connection with the Lodge. At the close a session was held to re-admit several old members, and more promised to join next week. Bro. and Sister H. J. Jones generously provided everything at their own expense.

HISTORICAL GLEANINGS.

Compiled by Bro. John B. Collings, Hon.G.W.S.

Oliver Cromwell, the day after the battle of Dunbar, speaking to the assembled Parliament, after ascribing glory to the God of battle, said:—"Disown yourselves, but own your authority and improve it to curb the proud and the insolent, and such as would disturb the tranquillity of England, though under what specious pretences whatever; relieve the oppressed, hear the groans of the poor prisoners of England, be pleased to reform the abuses of all professions; and if there be any one that makes many poor to make a few rich, that suits not a commonwealth."

Baron Larry, Napoleon's favourite army surgeon, said that the 6,000 survivors who returned safely from that terribly fatal Egyptian campaign, were all abstainers from ardent drinks. "Drink brandy and die," is a common expression in India. Hot climates and alcohol are decidedly incompatible.

One of the Kings of Persia sent a very eminent physician to Mahommed, who, remaining a long time in Arabia without practice, at last grew weary, and presenting himself before the prophet, he thus addressed him:—"Those who had a right to command me sent me here to practise physic; but since I came I have had no opportunity of shewing my eminence in this profession, as no one seems to have any occasion for me." Mahommed replied, "The custom of our country is this: we eat but when we are hungry, and always leave off while we have an appetite for more." The physician answered, "That is the way to be always in health, and to render the physician useless"; and so saying he took his leave and returned to Persia.

Extract from Poem by Rev. Thos. Washbourne, D.D. (born 1606).

Cannot friends meet but they drink to excess?
Must all your mirth conclude with drunkenness?
Accursed be he brought it in fashion first;
Before, ye were content to quench your thirst,
And not exceed three or four cups at most;
Now you carouse till all your reason's lost,
And like to overheated Dutchmen, ye
Drink till ye fight, and fall to snicker snee.
He that invites his friend to a drunken feast,
Keeps out the man, and entertains the beast;
A feast 'tis not, but a base Bacchanal,
Where the beast man a sacrifice doth fall.
Worse than a beast he is, for no beast will
Be made to drink a drop more than his fill.
But man his belly makes a tun, his brain
A bog, and drinks till up he comes again.
Vile man, whom God next angels did create,
Below a brute thus to degenerate!
For shame! give o'er this most unmanlike sin,
Which too long has thy daily practice been.
Redeem thine honour, drowned in ale and wine,
And thy soul, settled on the lees, refine.
When thy debauched life thou shalt correct,
Thou happier days in England mayst expect.

Epicurus.—Give me but bread and water and I will dispute the point of felicity with Jupiter himself.

Plato.—To eat to satiety and drink to excess—this is a way of life in which no person will ever become wise.

G.W.C.T.—Joseph Malins, } G.L Offices, Edmund
G.W.Sec.—J. B. Collings, } St., Birmingham.
G.S.J.T.—Mrs. Lydia A. Walshaw, 30, Elmfield, Savile Park, Halifax.

Home Mission Department.

Agent for Northern Area.—John Wrathall, 7, Baldwin-street, Hawcoat, near Barrow-in-Furness.

Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage.
Hon. Sec.—Bro. S. R. Rolfe, 45, Paulet-road, Camberwell, S.E.

Portsmouth Harbour Special V.D.—Bro. A. Bishton, 35, Abercrombie-street, Landport.

Military District.

D.C.T.—Quarter-Master Sergeant, O. G. L. Jones, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—Sister E. K. Gabb, Collingwood Mount, Farnborough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. Smith, 19, Hearn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Naval District.

D.C.T.—James Rae, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

D.S.J.T. — William Andrews, 50, Anglesea-road, Woolwich.

W.D.S.—William Davey, 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton, Kent.

G.W.C.T.'S OFFICIAL NOTICE.

IMPORTANT AND IMMEDIATE.

Recommendations of Lodge Deputies.

A form for the recommendation of Lodge Deputy for the new Grand Lodge year, commencing this month, at Easter, is now sent to every Lodge in care of the present Lodge Deputy, for him to hand (with a notifying circular) to the W.Secretary. The W.Sec. should read such notice to the Lodge without fail, immediately on receipt, and the form should then lie over one week, when the recommendation must be made by ballot, and the form filled and immediately posted by the W.Sec. to the District Deputy for endorsement and dispatch to the G.W.C.T.'s Office. By the last day of this month (and therefore before installation night) the G.W.C.T. will send the new commission to the newly-recommended L.D.'s to entitle them to install, and will also send the new cypher with which alone they will be able to decipher the new password sent through the W.D. Secretary. *None but the newly-recommended or re-recommended Deputies can receive the new cypher or install the officers.*

(A form for recommendation of Lodge Electoral Superintendents is also enclosed for similar attention.)

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

April 7, 1886.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tax from District Lodges for the February quarter received during the week as follows:—

1886.		£	s.	d.
March 31.	—Argentine Republic	1	0	0
" 31.	—Northampton, N...	0	15	4
" 31.	—Hants, N.	2	15	4
" 1.	—Middlesex	25	0	0
April 5.	—Antigua	0	14	10
" 5.	—Monmouth	2	4	3
		£32	9	9

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All telegrams for the G.W.C.T. or the G.W.Sec. sent to Birmingham, should in future be addressed,

"Templars,
"Birmingham,"

as this address has been registered at the Post Office.

John B. Collings,
Hon. G.W.Sec.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE.

Bro. W. Winton, D.C.T., 54, Coningham-road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

A special session will be held Saturday, April 17, at 6 p.m., prompt, to consider the following:—

Proposition from Citizen Lodge, I.O.G.T., 2,520:—"In the opinion of this Lodge, the Middlesex District, containing nearly 150 Lodges, is too large an area to be worked by so small a body of officers. It is desirable that this District Lodge make application to Grand Lodge for two charters to suit requirements of Subordinate Lodges. Lines of demarcation to be from Postal Guide. Having regard to the Good of the Order, we believe it would help to improve our numbers and stop the leakage."

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 6 P.M.

Order of Business.

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Calling roll of officers.
3. Report of Credential Committee.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Reports of officers.
6. New business.

Proposition from Seven Sisters and Harringay Lodges:—

"That the capitation tax on sisters be reduced to 1d."

Proposition from Paddington Lodge 3,270:—"That the Middlesex District Lodge be requested to take immediate steps to bring the case of Henry Williams (of the Poole Perjury Case) before Parliament with a view of obtaining his release from penal servitude, and restoration to his former position and pension."

7. Appointment of Standing Committees.
8. Reading of minutes.
9. Closing ceremonies.

J. H. Retallack-Moloney,
Worthy District Secretary.

The Limes, North Bow, E.
April 6, 1886.

NEW GOOD TEMPLAR OFFICES FUND.

The following responses have been already made to a private circular sent to Lodge Deputies and others for contributions to a special Fund of £200 to meet the expenses of necessary alterations in and fittings up of the new offices just acquired for the Grand Lodge.

	£	s.	d.
J. Malins, G.W.C.T., Birmingham	1	1	0
E. Wood, G.W.T., London	1	0	0
J. Derrington, G.W.M., Birmingham ...	1	0	0
Geo. Dodds, G.W.Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	1	0	0
Mrs. S. H. Robson, G.W.V.T., Egremont ...	0	5	0
John B. Collings, G.W.Sec., Liverpool ...	0	5	0
John Kempster, G.E.Supt., London	0	5	0
Rev. J. Aston, G.W.Ch., Whitchurch ...	0	5	0
J. Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., Manchester ...	0	5	0
Robert Walker, J.P., Maidenhead	1	1	0
F. J. Thompson, Bridgwater	1	0	0
W. B. Robinson, Southampton	0	10	6
J. Hare, Newcastle-on-Tyne	0	10	6
John M. Albright, Charlbury	0	10	0
F. Thorpe, Preston	0	10	0
John Glaisyer, York	0	5	0
George J. Hutson, Birmingham	0	5	0
Rev. S. Naish, Ilfracombe	0	5	0
Rev. G. F. E. Lowe, Christchurch	0	5	0
Miss C. Impey, Street	0	5	0
J. Alexander, Sudbury	0	5	0
T. Collingworth, Keighley	0	5	0
Miss M. N. Price, Clifton	0	5	0
John Slack, B.A., Birmingham	0	5	0
Walter E. Gwynn, Slough	0	5	0
George Taylor, Birmingham	0	5	0
James Woodhead, Halifax	0	5	0
Matthew Berry, Bolton	0	5	0
John D. Whitaker, Newport, Mon.	0	5	0
Mrs. C. McCubry, Woolwich	0	5	0
Wm. McCubry, Woolwich	0	5	0
Geo. Hedges, Manchester	0	5	0
W. J. Cockaley, Rotherham	0	5	0
J. S. Francis, Old Woking	0	5	0
Mrs. Walter Sturge, Clifton	0	5	0
C. Martin, Castle Cary	0	5	0
Hayes Ryd, Wadebridge	0	5	0
	£14	18	0

John B. Collings, G.W. Sec.,
G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

Situations Vacant and Wanted.—Our charge for this class of advertisement is 24 words for sixpence. Every additional six words threepence.—[Advt.]

HOME MISSION FUND.

Personal subscriptions received to April 5, 1886.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Whose is My Neighbour Lodge, Street, Somerset	0	10	0			
Amounts under 5s.	0	7	6	0	17	6
Total amount of Lodge collections received from the following Districts:—						
Durham, S.				1	12	5
Proportion of Lodge collections received from the following Districts:—						
Bedfordshire	0	13	3			
Berkshire	0	0	6			
Buckingham	0	1	3			
Cheshire, E. and M.	0	11	3			
Cheshire, W.	0	4	9			
Cornwall, E.	0	4	1			
Cumberland, E.	0	5	5			
Cumberland, W.	0	10	1			
Derby	0	9	2			
Devon, E.	0	3	0			
Devon, N.	0	1	8			
Devon, S.	0	5	1			
Dorset	0	1	5			
Essex	1	2	8			
Gloucester, W.	0	5	0			
Hants, N.	0	5	4			
Herts	0	3	3			
Isle of Wight	0	15	8			
Kent, E...	2	3	1			
Kent, M...	0	6	0			
Kent, West	0	1	0			
Lancashire, N.	1	2	4			
Lancashire, N.E.	0	7	4			
Lancashire, S.E.	0	14	1			
Lancashire, S.W.	0	18	5			
Leicester	0	6	0			
Middlesex	1	9	0			
Norfolk	0	15	2			
Northampton, N.	0	3	0			
Northampton, S.	0	2	9			
Northumberland	0	17	2			
Oxford	0	14	9			
Salop	0	1	8			
Somerset, Mid	0	12	9			
Staffs., N.	0	4	0			
Staffs., S.	0	2	11			
Suffolk	0	7	4			
Surrey, W.	0	9	3			
Surrey, E. and M.	1	0	1			
Sussex	0	11	5			
Worcester	0	8	0			
Yorks, E.	0	1	6			
Yorks, N.	0	3	0			
Yorks, Cleveland	0	6	6			
Yorks, Central	0	4	6			
Yorks, N.W.	0	11	8			
Yorks, S.W.	0	6	8			
				21	14	2
				£24	4	1

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NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

J. H. K., T. E., and T. B. T.—We could only accept the assurance of our correspondents that they were not favourable to the "division," and cannot now reopen the matter.

J. T. B.—The report of the meeting referred to was in type before yours reached us.

Commercial Traveller.—We regret that your communication is crowded out for the present.

The *Morning Advertiser*, of February 22, 1886, has the following:—"Messrs. Cox and Co., 41, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, London, have lately been instrumental in obtaining many large sums from the Chancery Paymasters. The prompt and cheap system adopted by Cox and Co. will greatly assist persons to obtain what legally belongs to them from the vast accumulated hoards in Chancery. It is surprising that the Court of Chancery does not receive many more applications than are already made, and there is no doubt that when the ease with which inquiries can be made, and rights established, through Messrs. Cox and Co.'s agency, is known, the number of those who secure what only awaits applications from the rightful owners will be greatly increased." Enormous fortunes lie buried in the Court of Chancery, amounting to £100,000,000, which really belong to the people, including all classes of the community, from the peer to the peasant. We earnestly intreat everyone to send to Messrs. Cox and Co., and obtain their list of Christian and Surnames in full of the 50,000 persons to whom all this vast wealth belongs. Price 1s. 6d.—postal order. And if they find their names, or those of any ancestors, they should obey the instructions it contains. A fortune may await them.

Compiled by Bro. J. P. Collings, Hon. G. W. Sec.

DRINK AND INSANITY.

Dr. Shepherd

(The superintendent of Colney Hatch),

Says that 40 per cent. of the patients admitted in 1876 were lunatics through the influence of intoxicating drinks.

Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S.

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Committee's Report of Brushfield Asylum, Guildford, 1879.

"Our experience of late years confirms the evidence of other metropolitan asylums that intemperance and dissolute life, directly or indirectly, furnish about 40 per cent. of the asylum inmates, 25 per cent. from alcohol, 10 to 15 per cent. from its consequences immediate or remote. The confessions on their discharge of very many—in some cases four-fifths or upwards of the males—prove that while earnings were high their savings were nothing, and that drink was the cause of their insanity."

Chester Chronicle.

"We understand that there are fewer inmates by 20 in the Chester Lunatic Asylum at Upton than there were at the corresponding period last year. The medical officer of the asylum attributes the decrease entirely to the diminution in the statistics of drunkenness. He observes that the number of persons coming from towns where drunkenness is rife has greatly fallen off. In fact, it is from these towns alone that the diminution has taken place."

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TO LET.—Fountain Coffee House, High-street, Leighton Buzzard; the directors are prepared to receive tenders for tenacy of the above; replies to be sent by 27th inst. to the secretary, Mr. Middleton, from whom all information may be obtained; the directors do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.—Address, Grove-road, Leighton Buzzard.

PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

The following sums have been received with thanks:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged ...	233	15	9½
Bro. T. Drumgold	0	10	0
Per Bro. J. B. Parkins, Leighton Buzzard—Sir J. Paxton Lodge, 9s. 6d.; Bro. F. Adams, 2s. 6d.	0	12	0
Total	£234	17	9½

Edward Wood,
Treasurer to the Fund.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Births, Marriages, and deaths are announced at the following rates:—Twenty words, 6d.; every six words additional, 3d. Two initials count as one word, whether prefixed or affixed to the name.

MARRIAGE.

Robinson—Whitfield.—On March 15th, at St. Mark's Church, Alexandria, Egypt, by the Rev. E. J. Davis, Consular Chaplain, Bro. William Robert Robinson, son of John Hunter Robinson, and nephew to the late Admiral Charles Goff-Robinson, Hyde Park, London, to Sister Mary Elizabeth Whitfield, L.D., of the Ut Prosim Lodge (Naval District), eldest daughter of James Frazer Whitfield, of Corfu.

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MONDAY.

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Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger. Coffee Palace, High-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Orange Branch. Cong. Sch., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dawdrop. St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon. 170 Pentonville-road, N. 8.
TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood. 32, Besson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCree. 3 Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road 8.30.
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
Marlborough Chap. Sch. Rm., Marlboro' Sq., Collers St., Chelsea
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Tn., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
William Tewsley. Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth
WEDNESDAY.

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Sch. Room, North End-road.
Harringay. Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
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Prudential The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (nr. Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Sont hwark, S.E.
THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel. Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road School, Clapham-road.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Longhborough Park, Brixton.
Heart's Content. 68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
London Ark of Safety. Hoxton Academy Sch., Hoxton-st. 8.15.
Palmerston. 42, Harfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Prim. Meth. School, Grayshott-road. 8.15.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
West London Pioneer. Royal Standard Coffee Tavern, Beer-street, Edgware-road.
FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, King-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Caversfield. Ellithorn Coffee Palace, Rhodeswell-road, E Grosvenor.—Teetotal Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Peckham-road, Peckham Rye, Tom. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
Shaftesbury Park. Grayshott-road School, Shaftesbury Park.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.
Thomas Carlyle. Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.
SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorncloe. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp Hall, Mansell-street, Aldgate. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st. Islington Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
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BEDFORD.—Sir W. Harpur. Trinity School-room, Rouse-street.
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Manor Green. Friends' Institute, Shipe-st. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—RoyalSussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
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EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine arket Hall Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—British Rose. Templars' Mis. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.),
MIDDLEWICH.—Radiatte. G. T. Hall, Glen-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richboro' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Mayhury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.
TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model. St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge. G. T. Mis. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms, Co-operative Stores.
FOLKESTONE.—Cæsar's Camp. Cong. Schools, Toutine-street.
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Templar. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HOLT.—Paragon. G.T. Hall. St. John's-street Jov. Temp. 6.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.). Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SALFORD.—Salford. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
SITTINGBOURNE.—Father Matthew. Crescent st. Sch.-rm. 7.30
WOODFORD.—Alexander. Wilfrid Lewson Temperance Hotel.
WEDNESDAY.

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook. National School-room.
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ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
STONE (STAFFS.).—Faith and Hope Cong. School-room. 7.30.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
CHESTER.—Cestrian. Presbyterian Lecture Room, Newgate-st.
CRAVEN ARMS.—Craven. Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
HULL.—Union. Templars' Hall, Posternsate. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30.
RAMSGATE.—Snug Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Band in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
WINDSOR.—Royal Windsor. Templars Hall, St. Leonard's-road.
FRIDAY.

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Sch. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
FOLKESTONE.—Safeguard of Folkestone. Congregational School.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort Chh Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
WINCHESTER.—Itchen Valley. St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
YORE.—Harbour of Friendship. Lendal School-room. 7.30.
SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greenyate.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Concilio et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chapel School-room, Ebrington-street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Catte Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

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MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ALDERSHOT.—Kings Own. Int. Sch.-rm., C Lines, South Camp. Wed. 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
RAWAL PINDER.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort. Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp, Wed.
FLEETLANDS.—N.W. Block, Raunleh Barracks.
H.M.S. SPEAR, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison. Cairo Restaurant. Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
SHEERNESS.—Excelsior. Wood's Coffee Ho., Mile Tn. Fri.
MALTA.—Shropshire Guiding Star &., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—Red, White and Blue. I.G.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
PORTSEA.—Nil Desperandum. Cairo Restorant. Thursday. 7.
H.M.S. NELSON, AUSTRALIA.—Red Cross. Saturday.
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PROVINCIAL.

Richmond (Yorks.).—Howards Green.
Worthing.—Workingmen's Own.
Wimbledon.—General Chas. Gordon.

NAVAL.

Shoeburyness.—Hope of Shoeburyness.

A Temperance Festival in a Tomb.

"On Christmas Day at about 3 p.m. the members began to assemble at our Temporary Lodge-room, viz., a dilapidated tomb of some departed Mussulman, which stands on the summit of a small hill about 500 yards to the north of Camp Sultanpore. The tomb is about 30ft. high, with a dome-like roof; the floor of the interior measures about 24ft. square, but with the aid of the temporary straw "tatties" the interior as now used for our meetings measures roughly 24 by 36—rather small for the 200 odd Templars in the camp, but not to be depised under the circumstances. By 4 p.m., a goodly number of brothers having assembled, proceedings commenced by an attack on the eatables provided by Lodges, which included several plum puddings of enormous size. When the inner man had been satisfied (and more than satisfied in some cases), bonfires were lit and singing commenced, the enjoyment lasting until the Camp Gun called to quarters at tattoo."—*The Indian Good Templar*, January, 1886.

Trinidad.

The D.L. of Trinidad has once more selected Bro. J. H. Collens as its D.C.T. Our brother held the post some three or four years back, and the Order owed much of its success and prosperity to the efforts put forth by our brother. Of late the numerical strength of the District has been sensibly on the decline. We hope, however, that with the advent of Bro. Collens, and by the assistance his colleagues are capable of rendering, that the Order will advance both in numbers and influence.

BELGIAN TEMPERANCE CRITICISM.

In referring to a recent meeting held in Brussels in furtherance of a young Temperance organisation and at which Dr. Moeller and Sister Miss C. A. Gray (R.W.G.D. Marshal) Antwerp, and others, spoke, the newspaper *L'Etoile Belge* thus vainly attempts to discourage this attempt to soberise the most drink-cursed country in Europe:—

The society against the abuse of alcoholic drinks has done, like the mountaineers in the "White Lady"—it has met. It was neither for a fête nor for a baptism, unless it acted for the baptism of wines and spirits. This meeting took place on Sunday at half-past two in the anti-chamber of the burgomaster. We are very much afraid that, owing to the national temperament, it will still further for a long time be only the anti-chamber. The members of the Executive present were Mr. Lahaye, lawyer and provincial conncillor, president; Mr. Candelier, general secretary, and Dr. Moeller, assistant secretary. There was a crowd of 30 persons.

"On leaving the Gulf of Otranto
There were thirty."

Heaven grant that without arriving at Cadiz there may soon be only 10!

Dr. Moeller read a paper tending to shew that there is a larger consumption of spirits in Belgium than in any other country. He preaches the entire renunciation of all this kind of drink. Dr. Moeller is an anti-liquorist in transition. Mr. Candelier is an anti-liquorist suited to the times. He finds Dr. Moeller's system difficult to realise in Belgium. He does not think that taking a few glasses can be dangerous. He would only repress the abuse.

Then in the midst of an animated discussion, a young English lady rose, extolling total abstinence. This Joan of Arc of anti-alcoholism would only allow us tea and lemonade, or perhaps what would be better, clear water. In short, the re-establishment of torture, and above all by water. Certainly Louis XIV. when signing his edict did not foresee such a thing as this. These English do not go by four roads. It seems to us, however, that between the exaggerated drinking of the Poles, and the excessive barrenness of the Sahard, we could suggest to this English lady that there is a milder and more temperate *regime*.

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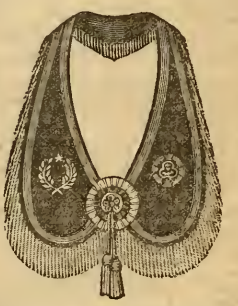

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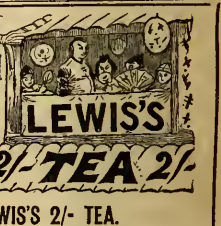

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GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND I.O.G.T.
Newport, Mon., Easter, 1886.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,—

A peculiar feeling of gratification animates me while preparing this report, because, for the first time in the history of our Order in England, our Grand Lodge work is centred in a home which it will be able to call its own; and one, too, of whose appearance and dimensions we have no reason to feel ashamed. For many years I have hoped for the time when we might possess such a visible proof that our Order had "come to stay" in old England; and our new Grand Lodge offices will eloquently testify to that fact, in spite of those desertions, declensions, and other distresses which sometimes try the best of institutions.

I.—STATE OF THE ORDER.

The course of the Order during the past year has been somewhat uneven. Soon after last Grand Lodge, summer brought its comparative lassitude and consequent losses, and later in the year the General Election inevitably created some local contentions and a general distraction from Lodge work—the Lodge attendance suffering, while good members were supporting Parliamentary candidates favourable to our principles. Seeing a somewhat heavy declension, I have at recent D.L. sessions, except where they did not afford me time, urged and constituted Sub-District Mission Committees to break up new ground; and the fact that since New Year's Day we have instituted about 50 new Lodges is surely an indication of a turn for the better.

I do not here imitate the detailed geographical record I gave last year, but merely just refer to the groups of counties. In the Northern COUNTIES we have in the past suffered much, but the decreased distress on the Tyne promises well—and especially in North Durham, where the W.D.Sec., Bro. Richardson, is fast multiplying Lodges. The depressed mining and iron interests in West Cumberland cause us loss, but in the East we are looking up. Our agent, Bro. Wrathall, has been doing good service all the year in the Northern Districts. North LANCASHIRE is healthy and advancing under Bro. Mansergh; and S. E. Lancashire is all alive with mission work, projected by our P.G.W.C.T., Bro. Edwards. Our *Welsh* District of South Lancashire is a creditable self-contained community of 900 members, whose D.L. awarded £35 in prizes at its last literary and musical competition. In YORKSHIRE, Cleveland District projects a bazaar for Mission funds; North Yorks at last has Mission Committees appointed; the North-west has been moving forward; the Central District is admirably capturing new towns under the imported D.D., Rev. Bro. Deans, and Bro. Allpass, W.D.Sec.; while S.W. Yorks is fairly solid, but not so politically harmonious or so devoutly in earnest as its honoured D.D., Bro. Boyd, could wish. He says—and it is true of the whole Order—"If we can work as sane men we shall succeed. If we simply seek to amuse ourselves we shall DIE!"

The East MIDLAND Districts have been plodding along, but nearly all have suffered from depression, except Cambridgeshire, which has advanced from nine to 12 Lodges. The Beds D.L. is exceptionally good in discipline. Our Special Grand Lodge Sessions at Grimsby and Northampton may give an impetus in those parts. The West Midland counties have plodded along without anything exceptional transpiring. Some have latterly made progress, and most are planning for extension—South Stafford notably. At Birmingham a French-speaking Lodge has been started, and a "National" Sub-Lodge is projected at the G.L. Offices, largely to attack, by correspondence, travelling ministers and others who now get adrift through removals.

Of the SOUTH-WESTERN Counties, Wilts is advancing well with Bro. Bramley as its engaged missionary. Somerset is respectable in the West; is earnest in its village missions in the middle district; and, in the East, several new Lodges have been formed. The Gloucestershire districts are good, but not progressive. Monmouthshire has gained 37 per cent. Dorset drags somewhat. Each District of Devonshire is stirring, and Cornwall is trying to advance in the East, and secure a Grand Lodge special session in the West.

The SOUTH EASTERN Districts vary much. Suffolk is healthy. Essex is educating its members with its District Loan Library, &c.; and Hants has done considerable Mission Work. The valuable district of Sussex needs a revival.

Without mentioning other Districts, it may be fairly said that good is being done in each; that losses are being endured with fortitude, and gains being sought with spirit. The METROPOLIS, however, gives cause for anxiety; while the smaller West Surrey Districts has a continuous record of harmonious advancement. In East and Mid Surrey District the admirable work of the past few years has been followed by an reactionary decrease of 600 members. This need not prove irremedial if the intelligent spirits who have so much sustained the District in the past will still labour in this time of trial. The important District of Middlesex is our main cause of anxiety. It comprises 47 Parliamentary constitutencies, having an enormous population, and, as I said last year, the responsibilities of its D.L. are proportionately great. In last year's report I suggested some methods with a view to its better administration, but I do not think these have been attempted. Possibly a failure to divide the work may partly account for a rising cry for the division of the District Lodge. During the past two years the net loss in this county reaches about 2,000 members, and this being so it is surely worth the while of this Grand Lodge to give attention to it or to empower its Executive to give special attention to it with a view to an improvement both in numbers and influence.

I shall unite with the Grand Lodge Executive in reporting our CRYSTAL PALACE FETE, which for two successive years has been arranged with immense labour and great efficiency by our Metropolitan brethren, with such minor help as we could render. There have again also been very large seaside excursions arranged by our brethren at Bradford-on-Avon and Guildford, while river trips have been enjoyed from Cambridge and Plymouth, and many local and united festivals held in other parts. These I do not particularise this year; leaving it to be taken for granted that we have played enough, whether we have worked enough or not.

The various committees will report on our excellent *Orphanage*, on our *Sub-Lodge programmes*, which are multiplying, and, I trust, improving; and it will be found that the committee on new *Hymn and Ode Book* are making good progress in these extensive undertakings.

II.—THE REAL GOOD OF THE ORDER.

On the whole, it will be found that a considerable—though not a calamitous—decrease has been suffered during the past year. We may partly attribute our losses to the continued re-action from the exciting public efforts of late years. All other Temperance bodies feel the same thing. Yet we initiate enough to secure a large increase, if we only adequately tried to retain our converts. The main fault is within ourselves. While some Lodges have advanced in intelligence and culture, other Lodges have receded, and have been distracted by disputes, or tutored in frivolity, till sensible and sensitive people have left in despair. I do not justify, but blame, those who have thus left. But I repeat that the fault is mainly within the Lodges themselves; and it can only be remedied by more devotion to the Order as it stands. It will not be done by re-casting our machinery; by altering our regalia; by abridging our ceremonies; by abolishing our degrees, or by revising our constitution. The Order calls for no great revolution in its rules, and no sweeping reform in its government. We need rather to "cease patching the machine, and get some more corn ground." "We want less play in the Lodges, and more work." The tendency is to expect that more latitude in amusement will enable the members to work better. I do not believe it. I believe we must hold the standard higher—not lower it. In doing the former we may have yet fewer members; but what we most want is better members, even though they be fewer.

We are in some districts thinning out, instead of winning, the middle classes. Our Order can never be complete without them. We have need to especially try to win and retain them. In some places they are barely welcomed—their very intelligence being almost objectionable to those who are too untutored to fully realise the many sided mission of our great Order. The G.W. Secretary of Scotland recently said that the Order there "was getting too respectable." I make no such complaint in England. In some places it is the respectable element which is wanted, or has been almost eliminated. I know this is not the rule, but the exceptions are too numerous to be ignored. The main—though not the entire—shortcoming is in the Subordinate Lodges—the very basis of the Order; and their improvement is of more importance than anything else which the Sub-Lodges, the District Lodges, or the Grand Lodge could attempt to effect. I am almost induced to suggest that the Grand Lodge instruct the new G.L. Executive to take the initiative in this great task, and to call upon District Lodges to heartily co-operate in any efforts which may be devised. It would be worth calling special conferences, or a special session of most District Lodges—in connection with some deputation from the Grand Lodge—to consider this one subject. Advice by circular to Lodges is not heard by all, and is only heeded by a few. To reach the general rank and file we need also to occasionally send for each separate member a special leaflet of counsel.

The Democracy of the Order is its great merit and its great peril. It is bad when Democracy degenerates into Communism; and it is bad when our equal rights fellowship is abused by those who

will not attempt to raise themselves to the level of respect for others, but who expect culture and refinement to efface itself to qualify for their fellowship. A notable Temperance worker spoke to me of this, and on my declaring it was an excrescence of the principle of Democracy in the Order—a principle in which I believed—he responded, "Oh yes, I believe in Democracy as a principle, but I would sooner be governed by St. Stephen's than St. Giles'." We have room for St. Giles, but not to the exclusion of St. Stephen's—which is, *at least*, as valuable—our Democracy notwithstanding; and unless we speedily set to work to gain and retain the middle classes, as well as the working or poorer classes—whom we rightly welcome—we shall drift further from St Stephen's and nearer to St. Giles'. If the Order is to be respected everywhere, our members must everywhere respect the Order, and respect themselves, and be not only fraternal but respectful to each other.

The fault, however, is not confined to Subordinate Lodges. During my visits to District Lodges I have found large assemblies, much interest, and due loyalty to, and respect for, the G.L. and its officers. But in a few cases I have seen just enough to shew that there was a slovenliness in administration, and an uncouthness in conduct toward others which boded no good to the Order. More than this; with the democratic tendency which has recently taken possession of the English people, there comes into the Order a spirit which is not one of "in honour preferring one another," but which thinks that present reform consists of discounting past workers. One sometimes sees young workers ignored and even veteran workers, after years of toil, retiring unthanked by their successors. Truly good workers should keep working for its own sake, for a good conscience is their best reward; yet gratitude is due and should find utterance. For lack of this, sensitive men of worth are allowed to drift from us. I think they, too, are faulty in doing so. If ingratitude and misunderstanding be their cross they should patiently try to carry it. The Order is still great and good—even more good than great—and good men should not practically desert an Order to whose grand principles they have pledged life long adhesion. Its principles still require those of "the Old Guard" to stand by the Temple in which its teachings are enshrined. Some day the very existence of the Order may be imperilled for lack of their protection and assistance. Let the younger officers find that the veteran can again do duty in the ranks and file as of yore. The Order will itself be elevated and the veteran dignified by such devotion to duty—a devotion which blind mortals may fail to recognise, but which will not go unrewarded in the end.

I write earnestly because I am not satisfied with the status and numerical strength of our army of about 75,000 adults, and 55,000 adherents of the junior branch. Others may regard 130,000 souls as a great army to be attached to our Grand Lodge of England, but it is our business not only to increase its numerical strength, but to increase its power for good in the land.

III.—OUR SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Our soldier Lodges are admirably looked after by their District leaders, and are continuously increasing. It will be remembered that about one half of the Military District left us about two years ago owing to internal differences. The losses have been far more than made up since: for the W.D.Sec., Bro. E. R. Smith, reports an increase of 57 per cent. between November 1883 and 1884, and an additional increase of 40 per cent. from November, 1884, to November, 1885.

Our remaining Lodges in Egypt and the Soudan appear in course of removal homewards. Some have an heroic history, and notably amongst them the Nil Desperandum Lodge in the Royal Sussex Regiment. This Lodge, in going up the Nile, was divided, under the military orders which divided the regiment for the time; and the Lodge resolved, in spite of losses in battle or otherwise, to continue securing adherents, and to come back stronger still. It divided its five rituals amongst the five sections of the Lodge, and empowered each to hold sessions up the Nile and initiate candidates. Those sections were eventually hundreds of miles apart from each other, but each still worked with such regularity that when they were re-united it was found that on the same night the respective sections of this Lodge, with prayer and praise, had held sessions at Dongola; Debbah; Korti (General Wolseley's furthest head-quarters); in the desert at Gadkul Wells; and at Mettameh, where General Gordon's steamers were met below Khartoum. This Lodge has been warmly welcomed at Portsmouth; as also has the "Old Fortieth" Lodge on its return from Aden, Arabia, with its Juvenile Temple whose programme in Aden was a model of what a programme should be.

I may add that Bro. Flynne, G.W.C.T. of India, has sent me the names and home addresses of a large number of time-expired soldier brethren. I have duplicated these names, &c., and sent them to brethren living in the respective localities, so that the returned brethren could be visited at their homes and retained to the Order. I know this has been extensively effected.

After correspondence with our energetic and devoted District Deputy of the Military District, Bro. Quartermaster Sergeant O. G. L. Jones, I wrote General Sir George Willis for facilities for my Special Deputy, Bro. Bishton, to have access to home-coming soldier brethren on a rrival at Portsmouth, and was thus answered:—

"Sir George Willis heartily approves of the good work done by your society, and will be most happy to render your agent any assistance on the jetty if he applies to the Staff Officer on duty, when troops disembark, and will cause you to be afforded access to any of the men before they march off. Your agent will thus have a better opportunity of seeing and speaking to the men when they are more at leisure than on board ship."

The General kindly offered us other facilities in regard to the placing of notice boards of the Order on Government premises. We are availing ourselves of the opportunities thus afforded.

IV.—THE NAVAL LODGES AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

Our Naval Lodges are increasing in numbers, and the onerous task of keeping touch with them by correspondence is faithfully performed by the District leaders, especially by Bro. W. Davey, the W.D.Sec., and the D.C.T., Bro. James Rae—who has bravely laboured on amidst repeated family bereavements. Besides the Lodges aboard 19 ships of war, and others at home ports, this District now has attached to it seaport Lodges at Singapore (Malaysia); Victoria (British Columbia); Callao (Peru); Valparaiso (Chili); Alexandria (Egypt); Hong Kong (China); Aden (Arabia); Trincomalee (Ceylon), and the Islands of Bermuda and St. Helena, the latter island having a successful Juvenile Temple also.

The Naval District Lodge has enacted a bye-law requiring all applicants for membership to notify their ship officers to withhold their grog rations. The District is harmonious and prosperous, and in good financial condition.

I suggest that this Grand Lodge hereby authorises the new Grand Lodge Executive to furnish each of our faithful military and naval brethren who were out on active service, with a certified expression of its appreciation of their fidelity to the Order under trying circumstances—and in this connection I specially mention Bro. Palmer, who proved an exceptionally able corresponding "Visiting" Deputy during the campaign in Egypt and the Soudan.

V.—OUR CIVILIAN LODGES IN FOREIGN PARTS.

Our brethren in Belgium are losing by the removal of the Sisters Gray to England. Sister C. A. Gray, our P.G.D. Marshal may, however, possibly return to promote Temperance on the Continent generally, and so still be occasionally helpful to our Order in Antwerp. The especially devoted manner in which she has laboured for our Order and cause merits our warmest thanks. We have had no recent report from Rotterdam, Holland. Our long-lived Lodge in Germany, the "Port of Hamburg" Lodge, has removed to the German Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, and now meets every Wednesday *and* Friday nights to welcome English, and all other, visitors. We still have Lodges working among the natives and settlers of the West Coast of Africa, but we would like to have more frequent reports sent from them to the Watchword. In the West Indies, our *Trinidad* District holds on fairly, a new Good Templar Hall having been built at Port of Spain. In *Barbados* several Lodges are still working; and other Lodges continue in existence in the islands of *Antigua, Grenada, St. Kitts, St. Vincent,* and *Tobago*. Our "Victor" Lodge still survives in British Guiana and publishes a capital programme. A notable event of the year is the formation of a Spanish speaking Lodge at Valparaiso, while on the other side of South America our Spanish speaking brethren in Uruguay are adding to their Lodges, and have issued as their organ The First Spanish Temperance Periodical in the shape of a neat monthly, entitled *El Templario*, No. 1 of which appeared on New Year's Day at Montevideo. It will be their Spanish organ for Uruguay, and the adjoining Republic of La Plata, where also new Lodges are springing into life. Bro. Rev. T. B. Wood, at Montevideo, and Bro. George Viney, at Rosario, La Plata, are continuing their devoted labours and their inspiriting correspondence.

VI.—OUR MAORI BRETHREN; AND PROHIBITORY ACTION.

Last year we announced the initiation into our Order, under this Grand Lodge, of King Tawhiao and his chiefs while visiting this country. Since their return they so actively promulgated our principles that many thousands of the Maori people took the pledge, and the entire inhabitants of the King's Country so persistently memorialised the British Government to prohibit the importation and sale of intoxicants amongst them, that these petitions have been acceded to, and this, the finest of coloured races, are thus emancipated from the curse of the liquor traffic. The Australasian newspapers note this event as very significant and eminently gratifying, the Queensland *Blue Ribbon and Good Templar Gazette* remarking that:—

"In New Zealand three million acres of fertile land have been dedicated to prohibition for ever. We are informed that this measure is founded upon a provision in the Licensing Act of the colony, that if the native owners of any land on which a licence for the sale of intoxicating drink has not yet been granted make application to the governor to have their land exempt from the operations of the Licensing Act, the Governor-in-Council shall make proclamation declaring that no licence for the sale of drinks shall be granted within such areas. The friends of the Maori race have done much toward bringing this about with the cordial assent of the whole people from Tawhiao down, to have their land protected from the demon of intemperance. The simple untutored Maori sets a good example in this respect to civilised British colonists."

We have also been somewhat concerned with the Cape proclamation, allowing sale of liquors, without any restraint, to the chiefs and headmen of the South African Transkei, but which is now thus far withdrawn, as shown at length in our Watchword.

VII.—PARLIAMENTARY: PAST AND FUTURE.

I shall not anticipate the report of our Grand Electoral Superintendent, Bro. John Kempster, and of the Political Committee over which he presides. It is due to Bro. Kempster and ourselves to note his candidature for a seat in Parliament as representing Enfield, and to say that although he was not successful, yet the large number of votes polled for him, and the handsome contributions of our brethren toward his election expenses, indicated that he made a good fight, and had the hearty sympathy of the membership. I should have been most happy to have congratulated him on his return; and am glad that he fought and deserved to win; but

"'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But to deserve it."

We all must regret the temporary defeat of brave Sir Wilfrid Lawson's candidature—by a teetotal rival, too—and we must also regret that our honoured and estimable Bro. Benjamin Whitworth (chairman of the U.K.A. Executive) did not secure re-election. But the election of the two new Good Templar members of Parliament, viz., our P.D.D. for E. and M. Surrey, Bro. Dr. G. B. Clark, M.P. for Caithness, and Bro. Wilson, for a Durham constituency, are gratifying events. The latter's notable help in pushing on the Durham Sunday Closing Bill in Parliament is an earnest of his future efforts.

On the whole, the Parliamentary election gave the Temperance party a largely increased number of favourable members in the House, but Sir Wilfrid Lawson is wanted there as their leader. The recent return of Mr. Caine is our latest cause for congratulation. But there is need for the Temperance bodies generally to be united and prepared with a Bill of their own, lest the Government Bill be further delayed, or prove inadequate—as it almost certainly will prove to be. This is a matter of the gravest national importance. It is little use for this, that, or the other one society to be producing separate Bills. We need a Bill to be formulated by, and in the name of, as many societies as possible; and for the "direct veto" to be its central point. We do not want to be "licence reformers," but inasmuch as, even after the direct veto is enacted, many districts will be many years in putting it into force, we ought, for the benefit of such districts, to have minor vetoes or restrictions also provided for, as is done in the Bills adopted in Canada and Australia, which also include the direct veto.

We have need of a devoted and plodding Parlia-

mentary agent who can receive the ideas of this G.L. and its officers, and so work them out as to move our whole membership who are outside the House, and help to move the whole of the M.P.'s inside the House. With all earnestness I urge this Grand Lodge to take steps—and adequate steps—to provide means for the engagement of some one for this work. It is more important than any other. If we wisely and well worked this department our activity would give playing members some work to do, and would retain real workers, besides winning adherents of a solid sort.

VIII.—OUR R.W.G.L. OF THE WORLD AT STOCKHOLM.

Your representatives will report their attendance at this notable session, held in the Parliament House at Stockholm last midsummer; and will indicate the fraternal reception they met with, and the business transacted there. Your kindness in sparing me to visit the Swedish brethren two or three weeks before that session enabled me to travel 2,000 miles across that country and across Norway, and address meetings almost daily. The welcome accorded I shall never forget; and the outing enabled me to return to duty in better health than for years past. You will note with pleasure a R.W.G.L. gain of 20,000 members since its preceding session in Nova Scotia; and will, I am sure, recognise the generous, unsolicited and unexpected vote by R.W.G. Lodge of £250 to this G.L. in aid of our Charter Lawsuit expenses. We need not now elect our representatives for next R.W.G.L. session, at Carnarvon, because this G.L. will meet again ere then.

IX.—THE INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE.

From time to time—at intervals of several years—there have been International Temperance Conferences on the Continent, the last but one being in Paris, when the International Exhibition was there. The next was projected for London, but the Continentals were not ready for a semi-English programme, and the project dropped. The arrangements for an International Exhibition at Antwerp last year created in the minds of our friends in Belgium a desire to bring the sturdy Teetotalism of English-speaking peoples into contact with the less advanced teaching of the Continent, with a view to uplift the cause in Belgium and neighbouring countries. To our worthy sister, C. A. Gray, is largely due the credit of this project, which was warmly advanced by Dr. Moeller, of Brussels, who is perhaps the only abstaining doctor in Belgium. There were 17 English societies represented, including this Grand Lodge, and many Continental countries sent delegates, beside yet others from America. The Conference met in the Hotel de Ville, and was welcomed by the Burgomaster. Mr. Lehaye, M.P., was president, and he kindly translated and read in French the paper I had prepared on a "Century of Temperance Teaching," and in which our Order had fair prominence given. The papers and proceedings are now issued in French at the price of 1s. only. Before the Conference ended the president proposed that greater permanence be given to these International assemblages by constituting certain of those present into a committee to arrange for the place of next Conference to be held elsewhere about two years from then. Sister Gray and myself were made members of that committee, which includes leading spirits from the different British organisations, and from all the countries represented.

X.—THE NATIONAL TEMPERANCE FEDERATION.

This Grand Lodge took a prominent part in founding the National Temperance Federation, and I have, as one of the hon. secretaries, given some little attention to its working, though its first hon. secretary, Mr. J. C. Clegg, of Sheffield, properly leads in this respect. I trust we shall be able to co-operate still more heartily with it, for the need of still greater unity and earnestness will soon be widely felt, and especially in regard to Temperance legislation. The Federation embraces most of the large associations which enjoin Total Abstinence and Prohibition, seventeen national and Denominational bodies being now federated. It has been suggested that sectional conferences on Temperance Legislation be arranged by the federated and other bodies. The first, for the Northern counties, was largely promoted by our brethren and the Northern League, and this most representative Temperance Conference ever held for the four Northern counties adopted a declaration in favour of creating an independent Temperance political party. The British League took the lead in calling the second for Yorkshire, Derby, and Nottinghamshire, and this declared for thorough prohibitory measures, and against compensation, &c. This G.L. is asked to help to promote a third for the Midlands, and this, I trust, we shall heartily do; but it seems scarcely expedient to hold this while the public mind is concentrated on Cabinet disruptions and the Irish question. If, however, the Government does not speedily shew its hand in relation to Temperance, it will be essential that the Temperance people should show theirs—and ungloved too.

XI.—NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

Last autumn the Social Science Association invited our Grand Lodge to send delegates to join their council, with other delegates of Temperance bodies, and of brewers and licensed victuallers, to jointly constitute a committee to arrange a National Conference on Temperance Legislation. This was held at London on February 25-6, when papers on "Licence Reform," "Compensation," and "Prohibition" were read and debated. No vote could be taken in a gathering so unique and varied in its composition. The occasion will be memorable to at least all who were present—delegates from 30 representative Temperance bodies, and about 20 drink-trade societies, being among the number. In preparing one of the papers on "Compensation," I not only culled the facts of British Temperance Legislation, as against compensation to drinksellers, but obtained declarations from leading Temperance bodies in England, and valuable evidence from the Government officials and statesmen in Canada and the United States, &c. It is not for me to remark upon the reception of the paper by the Conference and the Temperance Press, but the research and labour it entailed will not be regretted now that the remarkable evidences the paper contains are having a wide circulation in a very cheap form.

XII.—OBITUARY.

GRAND LODGE MEMBERS DECEASED.

In Bro. George Charlton we had the foremost Temperance figure in the North; a worker of half-a-century, and one whose homely, rugged, yet kindly advocacy never suffered by his elevation to the mayoralty of Gateshead, or his promotion to the aldermanic bench. As secretary of the Northern Temperance League he was ever active, while his loyalty to the Order never waned from the night I convinced and initiated him, to the time he represented us in the R.W.G. Lodge of the World in 1877, and on to his death last year. The only man who is recognised as his successor in prominence in the North is his old comrade, our present G.W. Counsellor, Bro. George Dodds—who has now succeeded him as a Vice-President of the U.K. Alliance.

Bro. Thomas Richardson, B.A., was a true Christian gentleman. He was chairman of our G.L. Political Action Committee in 1873, and was a leading spirit in originating our "vote-for-vote and nothing-for-nothing" policy. He was brother of our P.G.W.V.T., Sister Hellena Richardson. He became a R.W.G.L. member at Boston, Mass., 1878. He, with his sons, originated the "Danielite" (Vegetarian) Order. Of late years, owing to failing health, he has lived at Jerusalem, and in Cyprus, but came home to die in London last December. His end was peace.

Bro. Donald Campbell was enrolled by our brethren at Reading many years ago, and was a grateful and ardent worker who never ceased to sacrifice for the Order. He was D.C.T. for Berkshire for some years, until his death, and was a regular and well-known member of this Grand Lodge. He was second to none in his loyalty to, and interest in, our Order and cause.

Our Bro. F. Wallis, of Kettering, was an honourable representative public man, and a notable Temperance worker, who had rendered us good service as D.C.T. of North Northamptonshire.

In Bro. George Sutherland, a past D.L. Representative of Middlesex, we lost one who had been a devoted officer of our Order for 14 years, and a Temperance speaker 45 years. His funeral was attended by over 1,000 persons. He was a former Representative to this G.L., and all his nearest relatives are Good Templars, his son being a representative to this Session.

Bro. W. H. Watts, of South Northamptonshire, had been a devoted worker in the Order. He was W.D. Chaplain at the time of his death, and had before been D.C.T., and manager of the Northampton People's Café Company.

Bro. Robert Impey, P.W.D.Tr., of Mid-Somerset, is one whose name need only be mentioned to centre our minds upon the well known and devoted "Quaker" family of which he was the worthy head; and whose widow and daughters have done so very much to uphold and commend our Order in this and other lands. As they are, so he was—true and devoted to the Order's highest welfare. He has gone, but they remain with us, and by their acts they say to him in Shakespeare's words,

"We shall jointly labour on with your soul."

Bro. James Eddy has been long known as a sturdy, honest and eloquent advocate, who served the British Temperance League and other bodies as agent for many years. He joined the Order early, and remained in fellowship till his death.

Bro. James Nicholls, of Norwich, was a devoted Good Templar and Temperance veteran, who, amidst failing health, could dare to stand alone for prohibition; and whose consistent life was testified to by the very representative character of his funeral.

Of the late Sister Westlake, of Clevedon, it can be said that a sweeter spirit never blessed our Order with constant service and Christian devotion. Her worthy partner is spared to still labour in our midst.

Last year Bro. R. Eddyvean, of Porthleven, Cornwall, obtained our leave to receive the G. L. Degree in the G.L. of Scotland, at Aberdeen, where his fishing vessel was calling. A few weeks ago his vessel was sunk in collision in Mounts Bay, when he, and his son, and brother (all Good Templars) and, another of the crew were drowned; while another son and two of the crew—all Good Templars also—were at length rescued. Bro. Eddyvean was superintendent of the Wesleyan Sunday-school, and his drowned son was W.T. of the Juvenile Temple. His bereaved widow is left with eight children, mostly young; and his lost brother also leaves a widow. We cannot but deeply sympathise with those thus suddenly bereaved.

There are yet many others who have given us many years of good service, as particularised in past issues of our Watchword. Of these, many have left sorrowing relatives, who still stand with, and strive for, the Order for which the departed ones loved to labour. May they be Divinely comforted and continuously sustained in their efforts to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before.

Herewith will be appended a list of all the Grand Lodge members who have passed away since we last met in Annual Session. While condoling the bereaved, we shall doubtless dedicate to those deceased a memorial page in our Grand Lodge Journal.

[*The full list will be given next week.*]

XIII.—THE PROPOSED PROVIDENT FUND.

As last G.L. Session endorsed the principle of a Provident Fund, I do not deem it in place to here argue as to its expediency or otherwise. The task of formulating a prospectus—much less all the necessary rules—was one involving much time and labour, and it could not be accomplished as soon as desired. The G.L. Executive felt it expedient to add me to the committee, and I have somewhat reluctantly had to devote considerable time and attention to it. While I do not share the fears of those who think that, when started, it will materially interfere with our legitimate Lodge work as Good Templars, I am, perhaps, less sanguine than others as to great results quickly following its inauguration. I am satisfied that its income must be received by specially appointed sub-collectors, and in such a way as not to impede Lodge business; that the Provident business must

not be considered as Sub-Lodge business; that the funds should not pass through the Sub-Lodge accounts; that the business must be carried on without materially multiplying local meetings; that it must be started on such a sound National basis as to afford full security, and be so acceptable to the Registrar of Friendly Societies as to secure registration under the Act of Parliament.

My own conviction is that it may be well to now pronounce upon certain leading features of the prospectus, as (1) the possible insurance of even non-abstaining wives and husbands of members; (2) the insurance of such wives and husbands as do abstain; (3) the insurance of abstaining children; and (4) the suggested extra allowance to those who belong to both adult and juvenile Orders.

Having decided these points, and generally considered any further leading features, I think that the final settlement must be deferred till next annual session, before which time a committee could revise the prospectus, and draft full rules for your acceptance then.

XIV.—DECISIONS GIVEN.

I have had a considerable number of appeals to decide, and these have involved a good deal of attention. The cases have, however, arisen rather from errors of form and lack of charitable feeling than from any really new points of law. The following new rulings, however, have been given, and are reported for your approval or otherwise:—

(*a*) Associate W.C.T.'s.—Associates must obtain the password for use as such from their ordinary Lodge. But an associate W.C.T., whose ordinary Lodge has not installed its officers, can, at his own installation as associate W.C.T., receive the password to give to the ordinary members of his associate Lodge. Yet he cannot receive or use it afterwards till he obtains it from, or by warrant of, the W.C.T. of his own ordinary Lodge.

(*b*.) Committee's Report.—A Lodge, in referring a matter to a committee, cannot forbid them to report until they are unanimous.

(c.) Good of the Order.—Under "Good of the Order" a visiting member is privileged to speak, but cannot insist upon it as a right; and the rule of not speaking more than twice should be still observed by all, save by special leave.

(*d*) Majority Votes.—Where any majority of votes is required, we do not count neutral votes, or blank ballots, but only reckon votes for and against. Thus if 36 members are present and 12 are neutral or cast blank ballots, it would only require 16 votes out of the remaining 24 to constitute a legal two-thirds vote.

(*e*) Suspension for Arrears.—Members suspended for arrears are re-instated without vote or ceremony, on payment of the dues owing at the time of suspension and of dues for the current quarter.

(*f*) Violation while Suspended.—A member violating his pledge while suspended, or while out on card, is subject to trial by his Lodge (if on clearance card, by the Lodge granting the card), and, as in other cases, can be restored within four weeks of confession or conviction—failing which he is expelled and can only be re-admitted (after at least one month's interval) by election and initiation as a new member. Members who have left the Order and who have broken the pledge can also only be admitted by election and initiation as new members.

(*g*) Vacation of Office.—If an officer is absent from three successive sessions, during which he sends no excuse, the Lodge can at once, by two-thirds majority ballot, declare the post vacated, and can elect and instal a successor.

(*h*) Violation and Degree Membership.—If a member violates the pledge he at once forfeits all titles, and also his Degree Temple, and D.L. membership. If restored in Sub-Lodge, he (after renewed probation) is re-registered in the Lodge as a Degree member; but he can only again become a member of the Degree Temple or District Lodge by being accepted as a new candidate for such membership.

XV.—THE POWERS OF DISTRICT LODGES OVER DEGREES.

My views of the present powers of District Lodges over Degrees are as follows:—

(*a*) The power to attach to or sever Lodges from Degree Temples is wholly vested in the D.Lodge and in D.L. Executives; but Lodges and Temples concerned have a right to fair notice (say one calendar month's notice to the Temple and 10 days' notice to the Lodge) before they are thus dealt with.

(*b*) The D.L. may, by bye-law, still allow sub-Lodges (unattached to Degree Temples) to possess Third Degree rituals for the L.D. to confer the Third Degree; the Lodge itself conferring the Second. Or the D.L. may control the conferring of the Third Degree, by designating certain Deputies to confer it, in which cases the conferring of it does not confer D.L. membership.

(*c*) The D.L. may itself appropriate and confer the Third as the D.L. Degree on all members of Lodges unattached to Degree Temples; or

(*d*) The D.L. may take from Degree Temples the power to confer the Third Degree, and itself wholly appropriate the Third as the D.L. Degree and confer it at regular or special sessions; and when conferred by D.L. it carries D.L. membership.

(*e*) Special D.L. Sessions, to confer its Degree may be called at any time or place by the D.L. or D.L. Executive—a D.L. Executive officer presiding to confer the Degree, and thus admit to D.L. membership.

I am sorry to find that District Lodges which have "settled" the Degree question, by thus taking over the Third Degree, again get disturbed by the question; and perhaps, at a small meeting, have it all overturned. Thus, Third Degree rituals are again drifted about in the Sub-Lodges, to be vainly "called in" at the next "turn about."

I think it would have been best if this G.L. had decided that, when once a D.L has taken over the Third Degree, such action should stand until this G.L. or its Executive sanctioned its repeal. If it were understood that the D.L. was wholly responsible for the Third Degree, outlying Lodges would get a visit from D.L. Executive officers to hold a special D.L. Session and confer the Degree.

XVI.—SECOND DEGREE TEMPLES AND CONVENTIONS.

There are only 95 working Degree Temples in England. Of our 67 Districts 32 have no Temples. The remaining Temples would not have survived so long had they not had devoted adherents. The few that work well should be duly respected. Those that work irregularly should be put out of their misery or thoroughly reconstituted. The D.L.'s are (wisely, I think) generally appropriating the Third Degree, and thus superseding Temples as Third Degree bodies. This, has, however, brought about a new state of things in some Districts. One District was covered with Degree Temples; but, by common consent, the D.L. appropriated the Third Degree as its own, and the Degree Temples thus became solely Second Degree bodies, the D.L. furnishing them with new Second Degree rituals. Thus they have the First Degree alone in the Sub-Lodges, the Second alone in Sub-District Temples, and the Third in District Lodge. In another District, the Degree Temple and Convention have so mutually merged that the Temple practically becomes a chartered Sub-District Convention, working in, and conferring, the Second Degree. Now, if a Chartered Temple can work as a Convention, a Convention can work as a Temple; and so a Convention in another district desires a Temple Charter and Second Degree rituals only—so that it can possess the dignity of a Charter and Degree, and yet do Convention work. I presume we shall be able to grant the Charter.

The existence of Degree Temples as Third Degree bodies has proved such a source of difficulty to District Lodges appropriating that Degree, that I recommend no further Degree Charters be issued with Third Degree rituals, save by special vote of G.L. Executive.

XVII.—ON GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION.

(1) Basis of Representation to Grand Lodge.—Our D.L. Representation to G.L. is based on November returns—after their summer losses; instead of February, after their winter gains. With the new method of collecting tax, it should be possible to base D.L. Representation upon the returns of February 1, and the tax paid to G.L. in that month. This would stimulate Districts to work harder in winter months to increase their representation. If this be done, however, there are reasons why the "fractional part of 500 members" required to secure an additional representative should not be less than 50.

(2) District Lodge Motions for Grand Lodge—I sympathise with those who think that the busy Annual Sessions of D.L.'s are not the best for deliberative purposes, and that we should receive motions passed at intermediate D.L. Sessions. We might even go further, and require that all motions for G.L. shall be adopted and sent before January. Other D.L.'s could then, at their annual sessions, know the business coming up at G.L., and be able to pronounce upon any matter of especial interest to them.

(3) District Lodge Press Committee.—As mere suggestions to D.L.'s to appoint a committee to report D.L. meetings to the public Press have largely passed unnoticed, I propose that in the suggested D.L. bye-laws we insert a provision for appointing such committee.

(4) Associate Members' Privileges and Payments.—I earnestly hope that the G.L. will maintain the rules which give associate members equal rights and properly requires equal payments in respect to them. To depart from this simple and equitable basis is to create inequalities and complications—especially as some new Lodges at first mainly consist of associates.

(5) Severing Associate Membership.—On our motion the R.W.G.L. has made it possible to dismiss troublesome members from the ordinary Lodge by presenting them with a clearance card. Our rules, however, contain no facilities for dismissing associate members until after formal trial, and the power to do that is limited. Scotland enacts that "Associate membership shall cease on majority vote of the members present at any meeting." I propose that we enact that "After one week's notice given in Lodge, and to any associate member, his associate membership may be terminated at the next session of the Lodge by two-thirds *ballot* vote."

(6) Admission by Card.—Last G.L., on my recommendation, agreed that members admitted by clearance or associate card during the term the card was granted should be enrolled free. But as cards may be drawn just prior to installation, and dues be wholly avoided while both Lodges may have to pay tax, I recommend (*a*) that members drawing clearance cards at any time after the last day of the expiring quarter must pay the new quarter's dues before the card is granted—even though installation has not taken place. (*b*) That admission by card during the term at which the card is granted be not more than 3d., unless the Lodge by bye-law makes a different charge.

(7) Lodge Amusements.—I recommend that our G.L. bye-laws be so amended as to distinctively prohibit "kissing games" at social gatherings connected with the Order. The G.L. of Ireland has a more comprehensive bye-law, which reads thus:—"Parlour games, involving forfeits of any kind, or any impropriety in word or behaviour, are unsuitable for Lodge entertainment, and are prohibited at any meeting in connection with the Order."

(8) Lodge Debates.—At least one Lodge has had a debate on "Disestablishment," and another on "Mr. Gladstone as a Politician." The bye-laws of other fraternities and societies interdict party—political, and sectarian subjects, and I think the G.L. should also interdict such topics.

(9) Lodge Removals.—We have no G.L. bye-law requiring Lodges to notify all members before taking any vote for the removal of a Lodge. I recommend that such a rule be enacted, and that it specify that the removal cannot take place till confirmed by the G.W.C.T.

(10) Lodge Deputies.—(*a*) Our rules allow any L.D. to be elected to any office save that of W.C.T. This latter prohibition was probably made because the L.D. had to decide appeal cases against the W.C.T. and Lodge. As we have abolished the power of L.D.'s to decide appeals, I trust we shall also abolish this disqualification. Sometimes a small Lodge needs and wishes its L.D. to become W.C.T., and I think we should make this allowable.

XVIII.—CONCLUSION.

Some may think that I ought in my report to detail my individual labours, but unless the G.L. expressed a desire in that direction, I should be sorry to use my time and yours for that purpose. I have been with most of you this last year, and you can judge whether, while presiding in D.L.'s or speaking on your platforms, my restored physical vigour is accompanied by any diminution of mental vitality. My pen, too, has I think reached all of you every week in my many articles in our Watchword; in the general Temperance Press to which, in the true interests of the Order, I make myself a very prolific contributor; in the general newspaper Press where I have had to fight for our Order; and in the many circulars and thousands of letters which I dictate and write to you and your associates.

Many of my rulings in cases involving strong feelings must have been disappointing to some; but their general acceptance, without appeal, indicates that my long relation to our beloved Order has given me a useful experience of its methods and

membership. I know it has developed in me an ever-increasing affection for our fraternal bonds, and has created that high sense of responsibility which—while still subject to human error—forbids the slightest conscious leaning towards partiality in the administration of its beneficient laws, rules or usages.

Yours most sincerely and fraternally,

JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.C.T.

A NEEDFUL CAUTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD."

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to offer your readers a word of caution concerning our old friend, the "National Union for the Suppression of Intemperance," whose agents are busy collecting money in various parts of the country by means of a system which seems very much akin to obtaining money by false pretences. The following advertisement is at present appearing weekly in the *Christian World*:—

"AGENTS WANTED to canvass for the National Union for the Suppression of Intemperance.—James Taylor, Secretary, 9, Oxford-street, Manchester."

A copy of the communication sent to applicants for agencies is before mo. The "duties" are exceedingly simple, viz., "(1) To canvass daily for donations or contributions to the Union. (2) To obtain signatures to memorials and petitions. (3) To send each day a return stating the names, addresses, and amounts of contributions received. (4) To send a weekly balance-sheet with postal order for the amount received, less the amount of commission." The secretary of this spurious society can afford to be generous, and offers his agents the liberal commission of "*one half* of the amounts received."

The National Union has been known to the Charity Organisation Society since 1878, and in the effort to repress mendicity has been advertised and exposed in the *Times* as unworthy of support. The advertisement referred to and other particulars may be seen at the offices of the C.O.S., 15, Buckingham-street, Strand, W.C.

The balance-sheet issued for 1883-4, shews an income of £1,046 17s. 9d. The expenditure is made up of the following interesting items :—

	£	s.	d.
Secretary and assistant	459	0	2
Collecting agents...	297	1	6
Circulars, postages, &c.	245	17	11
Rent	42	0	9
Audit	5	5	0
Meetings, travelling expenses, &c. ...	14	1	9

These figures plainly prove, as has often been said before, that the "National Union" does not exist to work for the suppression of intemperance, but merely to support its indefatigable secretary.

The Bill in favour of which people are asked to sign memorials and give hard cash to assist in promoting has never been presented to Parliament, nor has any serious attempt ever been made to get it introduced. The signatures collected are therefore worthless. The draft of the bill and the memorials are merely pretexts to obtain money.

The Duke of Westminster, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the late Earl Shaftesbury, and scores of others whose names were appropriated by the secretary (without consent) as patrons, &c., have withdrawn, many of them publicly, repudiating all connection with the union.

During the past six or eight years a good deal of comment has been passed upon the "National Union" by the newspapers, but it continues to exist, and mulcts the public each year of sums varying from £1,200 to £1,600. Many useful organisations are at present crippled for want of funds. I trust our friends will not be caught napping, as many have been, and throw their money away upon a useless society.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

J. M. SKINNER, P.G.W.M.

3, The Crescent, Beckenham,
April 11, 1886.

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]

FOOD ADULTERATION.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homœopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." CADBURY'S COCOA is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[ADVT.]

SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED.—Our charge for this class of advertisement is 24 words for sixpence. Every additional six words threepence.—[ADVT.]

NEWS of the LODGES

All communications to be addressed THE EDITOR, "GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD," 3, Boltcourt, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

"The News of the Lodges should constitute a public record for the important events in connection with ordinary Lodge Sessions, Public Meetings, Anniversaries, &c., in connection with the Order. It should refer, not to matters of mere local interest and to the every-day occurences of ordinary Lodge Sessions, but to such matters as are of national importance interesting alike to all classes of readers, stimulating some, encouraging others, and rejoicing all. For this purpose it should make mention of Essays and Papers read, of competitions in Reciting, Reading, and Singing, Temperance Bees, Question Box, and such like. And, *Once a Quarter*, the total number initiated or admitted by c.c., the total of membership, &c., may be given. Singing, Reciting, &c., at ordinary Lodge Sessions should not be reported, as the same names of singers, reciters, &c., occur week after week, and such news can only be of limited local interest. When, however, a Public Anniversary, or other Meeting or Demonstration in connection with the Order takes place, the names may be given of the chairman and of those taking part, and to save space these should be classified thus: Chairman, ——. Songs by ——, Recitations by—— &c., &c.

Lodge News should be sent as early as possible, and cannot be received after Tuesday morning for insertion in the following issue, except from Lodges meeting on Tuesday night, from which reports can be taken up to 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

METROPOLITAN.

Stoke Newington.—"London Trinity." March 31. Bro. Ward's (W.C.T.) night when the members of the Angel of Mercy Lodge, Camden Town, gave songs and recitations, and a laughable sketch. A liberal supply of fruit at Bro. Ward's expense.—April 7. Open meeting, when Rams Temperance Society, from Hemerton, occupied the platform. An earnest address was given by Mr. Heath, the superintendent, and songs, recitations, and dialogues by the members. The meetings have been largely attended. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Hackney.—"Homarton's Hope." April 8. Vote of condolence passed to one of our sisters on the loss of her father and sister. Greetings received from King's Own Lodge, Aldershot. Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T., drilled the members on the duties of the officers. A strong gathering of members from the London Scots Lodge paid a surprise visit, and gave a long and interesting programme.

Poplar.—"Christian Bethel." April 8. Visit of Limpet J.T.,who, under the direction of Bro.W. Thomas, S.J.T., and Sister Mrs. Hill, A.S.J.T., carried out a singing and reciting competition. Sister Harris, Bros. Price, Spencer; prize winners, Bro. Ridd, W.S., on behalf of the Lodge, gave the youngsters a most hearty welcome, and kindly promised consolation prizes. A liberal supply of fruit, &c., closed a pleasant session.

Loughborough Junction.—"William Tweedie." April 7. Bro. and Sister P. K. Woollacott, of New Malden, admitted on c.c. Paper on "Distinguished Victims of the Drink," read by Bro. Rolfe, during which Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., presided. A useful discussion followed.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." April 9th. About 30 of the members occupied the platform of the Conellier Mission Temperance Society, Barnsbury. Bro H. Ansell presided.—April 10th. Aggregate meeting of the members of North London Lodges. Bro. Winton D.C.T., and also the whole the Middlesex District Executive attended; the object of such a meeting being to consider and discuss the best means to be adopted to resuscitate several of the weak Lodges in the North of London, and to build up the Order generally. Many brothers and sisters took part in the discussion, and finally it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Visiting Deputies who were to summon a meeting of delegates, and take such action as they think advisable. During the evening a lady, who had become a fearful victim to drink, was initiated. WATCHWORDS sold.

Edgware-road.—"West-end of London." April 7. Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co., presided. The proposed division of the Middlesex District was discussed, and the followiug resolution, moved by Bro. Monkhouse, L.D., was carried with enthusiasm;—"That in the opinion of this Lodge, the District Lodge of Middlesex by its unity, numbers, and influence, has been a source of strength and encouragement to the Order throughout the Metropolis, and that any attempt to divide 'the largest District Lodge in the world' would tend to paralyse the power of one of the most effective organisations in the country. Therefore resolved :—That our representatives be instructed to oppose the motion of the Citizen Lodge by every constitutional means."

Peckham.—"Peckham." April 9. Paper on "War," by Bro. Aldridge, W.C.T. A good discussion followed.

Wandsworth-road.—"New Clapham Excelsior." April 7. One admitted on c.c., and one initiated. Bro. T. C. Macrow, W.C.T. Open Lodge at 9 p.m.; Bro. T. C. Macrow presided; pianoforte solo by little Miss Smith; songs, Sisters E. C. Slade, Powell, Smith; recitations, Sister A. Harding and Bro. Grace. Address by Bro. J. Robeu; pianoforte solo, Miss Smith; song, Bro. Sutherland; duet, Sister Sutherland and Bros. Greenwood and Brittain; refreshments supplied.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." April 9. Open Lodge and pound night; each member was invited to bring a non-member of the Order. Bro. McAllister, L.D., presided over an excellent entertainment given by the following sisters, McAllister, E. Kimber, Harding, Main, Morris, A. Thomas, C. Henderson, Bros. W. Thomas, Lawle., J. Butler, Woods, Welfare, and A. Thomas. Abundant supply of refreshments of every description served to a numerous attendance. Several gave their names to join the Lodge.

Shadwell.—"Pride of Lyttelton." March 19. A night with Bro. Page, V.D. A very pleasant and instructive evening, Bro. Page contributing some readings and recitations. Good attendance.—March 26. Roll call and Temperance readings. Roll carefully gone through and arrangements made to visit the absent members. Afterwards several brothers contributed some appropriate readings.—April 2. Service of Song, "Jessica's First Prayer," by the Shadwell Band of Hope Choir, under the leadership of Bro. James, L.D. Very good meeting. At the close a special session of the Lodge was held to initiate two members and receive a brother on c.c., who had been two years away, and having only arrived in England this day had come direct to the Lodge.—April 9. The visiters mustered in good numbers, and gave a very pleasant entertainment. Sister Hill presided. Arrangements made for the soirée. Lodge progressing.

Dulwich.—"Desireus." April 8th. Sisters surprised the brothers with a new Lodge carpet which made the Lodge-room look very homelike. Question-box caused a great deal of discussion and was heartily enjoyed. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Stratford.—"Enterprise." April 10. Papers by Bros. Wood and J. S. Turner, the latter upon the Sunday closing of public-houses; discussion was taken part in by Bros. Mottram, Simmons, Martin, Osborne, Drewry. Good attendance, pleasant session. WATCHWORDS sold every week.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." April 8. One re-admitted. Sisters' night. Sister Shakespeare, W.D.V.T., in the chair, who gave a short address. Songs, recitations, duet and readings were also given.

Pimlico.—"Progress." April 12. Half-pound night. Result 4s. 7d. added to the Lodge funds. WATCHWORD sold.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park."—April 1. Lodge adjourned to pay surprise visit to John Bunyan Lodge. The evening was spent in songs, recitations, readings, and selections on the clarionet by Bro. Elias Marshall, W.C.T. Refreshments provided. A very pleasant evening spent.—April 8. Musical evening, five members and two visitors contributing songs. Bro. Lunn, from Immanuel Lodge, admitted on c.c. Pleasant evening.

Kentish Town.—"Regina." April 12. Bro. Scarborough, W.C.T. Inspection of the roll; visit from Bro. T. W. Tysee, W.D.Chap., Beds., who was introduced with honours, and gave a short address; good attendance. [NOTE.—In last week's issue the circular read in re the "division" was from the W.D.S., and not as stated from the Citizen Lodge.]

Upper Clapton.—"Upper Clapton." April 12. Bro. Miles, W.C.T.; circulars read from W.D.Sec. re special session D.L., on two D.L. for Middlesex, and from G.W.C.T., respecting L.D. and E.S.; one initiated. Visit from Artisan Lodge, who entertained.

Pentonville.—"Vernon." April 7. Visit to the Free Schools, Tunbridge-street, Euston-road. Bro. Rayner, W.C.T., presided, with 23 members to help him to entertain; songs by Bros. Knight, Hutton, Shakespeare, Cockburn, and Chapman; duets by Sisters Collins and A. Shakespeare (Juvenile), Bro. and Sister Rayner; recitations by Bros. Rayner, Chapman; addresses by Sister Shakespeare, W.D.V.T., Bros. Howard and Garr.—April 12. Visit of the Loyal Favourite Lodge, who officered and entertained; room crowded. WATCHWORDS sold.

St. John's Wood.—"St. John's United." April 10. Special meeting of No. 10 Sub-District to consider the proposal to divide the District. By a vote of 20 to five the Sub-District declared against the proposal, and expressed confidence in the Executive. Bro. Lucas, V.D., presided. About 50 present.

Commercial-road.—"Mile End." March 20. Sisters to surprise and entertain; programme thoroughly sustained; the brothers being surprised with silk handkerchiefs, ink-stands, pocket-books, silver scarf pins, and other useful articles. Songs, recitations, &c., by the sisters. Sister Gibson, P.D.S.T., presided; one initiated.—March 27. Visit of Pride of Ratcliff, who officered and entertained. Open Lodge at 9 p.m., when several friends availed themselves of the privilege, and attended a very good meeting.—April 3. Model initiation, and Lodge drill; the various officers were drawn for good contest and instructive initiation, the L.D. afterwards instructing and drilling the Lodge. One initiated, and one on c.c.—April 10. Brothers officered and entertained, the sisters being presented with several useful and fancy articles. Delegates appointed for the Local Option Conference; well attended session; one on c.c. Circular read from G. Lodge, and notice given of election of L.D. and E.Supt. Good sale of WATCHWORDS.

Ratcliff.—"Pride of Ratcliff." April 8. A most interesting and successful soirée, presided over by Bro. John Hilton, W.D.T. Addresses were delivered by Bro. W. Winton, P.C.T., and Bro. Jones, D.E.S. During the evening Bro. J. Reeves, W.C.T., on behalf of a number of the members, presented to Sister Eva Hilton a pair of very handsome vases, with many expressions of good wishes for her happiness on her approaching marriage. Sister Eva Hilton was accompanied by several friends, who took part in the entertainment.

Edgware-road.—"Paddington." March 29. Social evening; well attended; a bountiful supply of refreshments.—April 5. Communications received from the Home Secretary and Lord Randolph Churchill; programme, visitors' night, Bro. Easton, H.D., in the chair;

songs by Sisters Evans; Dunn, and Cope, Bros. Easton, Clark, Evans, Cope, and Griffin; recitations by Bro. Wilkinson and Sister Cope; 12 Lodges represented; a very pleasant evening spent.

Chiswick.—"Livesey." April 1. Well attended session. Circular read from District Executive. Discussion on the report of D.L.Reps. The D.L.Reps. were instructed to vote against there being two District Lodges for Middlesex. Bro. Wickerden, V.D. was present.—April 8. Entertained by Juvenile Temple Some good recitations and songs were given. Pleasant evening.

PROVINCIAL

Hastings.—"Saxon." April 6. A tea and public entertainment in the new Lodge-room; about 60 members and friends sat down to tea, the proceeds of which are to be given to the Lodge funds. A public meeting took place at 8 o'clock, Bro. E. Easton, W.D.S., presiding, who gave a few remarks explanatory of the principles of Good Templary. A capital programme of songs, readings, duets, and recitations was gone through; enjoyable evening was spent. Several names were given in for proposal. Since moving to new rooms the Lodge is increasing.

Colchester.—"First Essex." March 30. Sisters' surprise night; some very useful presents; L.D. and another brother from University Lodge, Cambridge, visited, the former presided; soirée committee presented Lodge with £1 5s. 8d.; one admitted on c.c.; very enjoyable session. The Lodge has worked in great difficulties for a long time, but with work and energy of some of the members we are now out of debt, have a better and more comfortable room to meet in, and are hoping for a good increase; membership about 40.

Hartlepool.—"James Rewcastle." April 6. Successful public meeting, 400 present; Councillor Yeoman P.D.D., presided; addressed by Rev. J. B. Charles and Councillor Woods, D.C.T.; recitations by Bro. J. H. Read, L.D.; songs by Sister Dormand, and Bros. C. H. and H. Birks; pianist, Sister Dormand.

Croydon.—"Hope of Croydon." April 5. Open Lodge at 8.30, well attended. Songs, Sisters Saunders, Newland, Luckett, Child, and Tyson; Bros. Young, Smith, and Day; recitation, Bro. Hogg; humorous reading, Bro. Biggs. A very pleasant and most enjoyable evening.

Luton.—"Pride of the Lea." April 6. Bro. S. W. Tysoe, W.C.T., presiding. Resolved that each member bring a new member during the quarter, or pay double subscription. Bro. Tysoe conveyed greetings from G.W. M'Cree, Milton, and Star of Bedford Lodges. Bro. Scotting also conveyed greetings from Orange Branch. Songs and readings by Sister Scotting, Bros. Scotting, and Tysoe. Programme of the evening one ounce night, proceeds realising 2s. 11½d. for Lodge funds. Visit from Bro. Rev. S. J. Southwood, D.C.T.

Newton Abbot.—"Samuel Albert." February 9. Open night. Bro. Curtis, W.C.T., gave a lecturette on "Electricity," with experiments. Several visitors present.—February 23. W.D.L. Rep's. report read; readings and recitations.—March 9. Open night. Musical evening. Several visitors present. Bro. R. J. Parr, D.C.T., presided. Songs, &c., by Sisters Baker, Curtis, jun., and Knott, Bros. Boundy, Cole, Curtis, and White; Bro. Parr made an encouraging speech; good attendance.—March 16. Short papers by members, followed by a smart discussion on "Fetching Intoxicants in Cases of Illness."—March 23. Surprise night. Plenty of good things brought, including blanc mange, cake, biscuits, jams, &c.; thoroughly enjoyed by all; one readmitted.—March 30. A Night with the Poets. Sisters Baker, Balchild, and Curtis, jun., Bros. Boundy and Curtis gave selections, which were much appreciated. Visit from Sister Baker, sen., V.D., of Bristol, who made some encouraging remarks and also gave a reading. Lodge looking bright; new lamp pans baked.

Folkestone.—"Safeguard of Folkestone." March 26. Visit of Excelsior J.T., and open Lodge. Bro. W. Fagg, W.T., presided. An interesting programme was gone through by the Juveniles, interspersed with songs and solos, and a violin and cornet duet by Bro. Mankelow and L. A. Tolputt. Addresses by Bro. Fagg and Bro. S. C. Weston, D.C.T. The children then withdrew, and the Lodge session was held. Three initiated. —April 2. Open Lodge. Readings were given; an excellent speech by Bro. Ainsworth on "Fanatics," and two songs by Bro. Harvey, of Dover. After the Lodge had been called to order, Bro. Sergeant Gibbs, 9th Lancers, applied for c.c. for himself and a comrade, as they are leaving Shorncliffe. These were granted, and the Lodge wished Bro. Gibbs every success. Library flourishing. Decided that the Lodge should get one dozen Watchwords, and dispose of as many as possible.—April 9. After a little business, recess was granted, and all present were invited to partake of refreshments in honour of "Somebody's birthday." After these had been disposed of, Bro. W. Cook spun one of his lively yarns, and Bro. Weston, D.C.T., gave an address. Songs and a reading were also given. A most encouraging session. About 80 present.

Truro.—"Truro Guiding Star." April 8. Open session, presided over by Bro. S. Buckingham, W.C.T. Vocalists, Bros. Hockey, Still, and Tucker, jun.; readers, Bros. Elliott, Warren, Hole, and Sister Pyatt; reciters, Bros. James, Stephens, and Sister Stephens; a good attendance. Lodge was held at the close, and several persons were proposed.

Whittington Moor.—"Glorious Prospect." March 28. W.C.T. Sister Nunney's night; capital entertainment given, with the assistance of Sister and Bro. R. Stevenson, Bro. Brown, Bro. S. Stevenson, and Master E. H. Nunney presiding at the harmonium. Very good session.

Kirkbride.—"Delight." April 5. Bro. Wrathall, agent in the Northern District, delivered a lecture entitled "The Battle of Life, and how to fight it." A large and appreciative audience. Bro. J. Stormouth, jun., presided. The Lodge has been greatly benefited by the visits of Bro. Wrathall.

Exeter.—"Perseverance." April 5. Bro. Rex, W.C.T., presiding; the item on the programme being impromptu speeches, several members gave interesting speeches; three new members initiated, one admitted on a.c.

Devonport.—"Workman's Rest." April 9. Bro. Fish, W.C.T.; one sister and two brothers admitted on a.c.; a very pleasant meeting was enlivened by songs by Sister Wille, Bros. Albert, Fish, Christy, Maxwell, and Bowes; readings by Bro. Parkes. Letter read from Bro. Sergt. F. Dixon, 1st Gordon Highlanders at Malta, telling of the formation of the Gordon Ark of Safety Lodge; greetings ordered to be sent. Bro. Burt presented the Lodge with a set of Second and Third Degree rituals.

Devonport.—"Foreign Star of Hope." April 9. A few remarks on the Good of the Order from Bro. Webber, and a stirring address was delivered by Bro. Tibbols, W.D.M. South Hants, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent; five other friends proposed for membership.

Doncaster.—"White Rose." March 31st. Good meeting. Bro. and Sister Kenworthy, of Good Intent Lodge, Manchester, spoke words of cheer. Programme: recitation competition. Bros. Marshall and Sister Martin were awarded the prizes.—April 7. Visit of 80 members from Ellesmere Lodge, Sheffield, who provided an excellent programme, including addresses from Sister Doncaster and Bros. Parker and Greville. A coffee meeting was held by the Doncaster friends, and over supper was provided by the Doncaster friends, and over 120 Good Templars partook of it, after which short session was held, and one candidate proposed. Usual Watchwords taken.

Southend-on-Sea.—"Nil Desperandum." March 31. Open Lodge. The Service of Song, "John Tregenowth: his mark," was successfully given by a choir of the members. Bro. W. T. Francis conducting. Bro. Diaper presided at the harmonium. Bro. Freeman gave the connective readings; about 100 non-members attended, admission being by invitation tickets. A short session was held at the close, when Bro. Francis gave report of mission work done at Hadleigh and Benfleet. Result: 33 pledges; total cost to Lodge, £4.

Ilford.—"Try Again" Lodge. February 10. Three proposed, one initiated; and one received on c.c. "Evening with the Poets"; several good readings given.—February 18. Five proposed and two initiated. Short address from Bro. Candler.—February 24. Two initiated. A spelling bee was heartily gone into.—March 3. Report of D.L. Rep.; one proposed. Songs, readings and recitations.—March 10. Open Lodge held at Bognor in conjunction with Good Samaritan Lodge. Bro E. Candler in the chair.—March 17. One proposed, and one initiated. Recitations, &c.—March 24. One proposed, and two initiated. Short address by Bro. Cocks, who gave a powerful account of the work at Bognor, after which we had a stirring address from Bro. Professor André.—March 31. Greetings received from the Girded Loins Lodge; one proposed. Experience evening; Bros. Webb, Etherington, Aldridge, Merritt, and Harwood, and Sister Candler gave their experiences. —April 7. Visit from Workman's Own Lodge. A good programme was gone through before a good audience. After the meeting a supper was provided, when a good number of friends stayed.

Leeds.—"Nil Desperandum." April 8. House of Commons night, which proved extremely interesting and highly successful. After questions, &c., had been disposed of, a motion was introduced in favour of the abolition of the House of Lords, and after discussion maintained by Bros. Deans, D.C.T. (Prime Minister), Wilkinson, Parker, Cowling, Hanson, Allpass, and Barber, the motion was carried by a majority of three.

Haverhill.—"Never Venture, Never Win." March 29. Anecdote night, several stories related anecdotes. Very pleasant session.—April 5. Two initiated. Question box. Some good subjects were discussed by the following members: Sisters P. Backler, M. A. Webb, A. Evans, S. Freeman; Bros. James Backler, J. S. Tanke, J. C. Sharpe, W. Rawlingson, H. J. Freeman, and S. Sharpe.

Haverhill.—"Silent Dew." April 2. A conference when took place to discuss the subject of a G.T. Mission, decided to adjourn for a couple of weeks. Sister Randall presided.

Manchester.—"Tower of Refuge." April 6. One sister admitted on a.c. Four candidates initiated. Entertained by about 100 members of this Tower of Hope Juvenile Temple, with selections of songs, recitations, &c., given in a very creditable manner. Visit of Bro. Cowen, V.D. Members present, 70.

Leeds.—"Priestley United." March 23. Good attendance; one initiated and two others proposed; programme, Bro. Shaw, W.D.Co. night; he gave a very instructive and entertaining lecture on "Phrenology"; instructive and entertaining lecture on "Phrenology"; at close of his lecture he made public examination on several brothers and sisters.—March 30. One initiated and two proposed. Negro Mission cards taken up. Celebration of Sister E. Newton's birthday; she presented all members with apples, oranges, &c.; songs, Sister Woffindin; recitations, S. P. Newton. Sisters Sister Woffindin; recitations, S. P. Newton. Sisters surprised Lodge with a splendid table-cover. An enjoyable and pleasant evening. Bro. Thomas was elected for recommendation as L.D.—April 6. Public lecture by Bro. Deans, W.C.T., on "Proverbs and Poetry in Relation to Women and Marriage"; chairman, Bro. Morgan, W.D.Sec.; an instructive and entertaining lecture. A short Lodge session was held afterwards.

Torquay.—"Excelsior." April 9. Bro. W. H. Satterford appointed reporter to the Watchword, Nautical Night. The following brothers and sisters took part, viz., Bro. W. H. Satterford, followed with a short speech on the work doing amongst sailors by Miss Weston; Sisters E. Nye and Oakshott, Bro. Narracott, Bro. Blank, Bro. Easterbrook, Sister Sandford, Bro. G. Langdon. A very pleasant and interesting meeting was spent, and a good attendance.

Newark.—"Good Samaritan." April 1. Bros. Tomlinson and Littler's night, they having been responsible for the programme, and, after the business, refreshments were handed round by the above brothers, who also gave two capital readings. Pleasant evening spent. Three initiated.

Glossop.—"Mount Pleasant." April 1. A capital supper was given by the Lodge. Songs by Sisters Hutchinson and Booth and Bro. Wood, Sisters Ryder and Bagshaw; recitations by Bros. J. H. Parker and R. Oliver; Bro. Shirt a reading; Bro. Longden a solo. Watchwords taken.

Ardsley.—"Rainbow." April 8. "Brothers to entertain; sisters to officers." Sister Taylor presided. Bro. Mahon gave a short address, and recommended the members to read the Watchword. Four steaming plum puddings and new milk were served up and much enjoyed. An excellent programme of recitations, singing, and readings, was given by the following brothers:—Bros. Nuttall, Taylor, Hobson, Benson, Richardson and Whiteley, a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Senior Junior Temple connected with the Lodge, which was instituted by Sister Hampshire, D.S.J.T., on February 25, 1886, now numbers 43 members.

Cosham.—"Portsdown." March 31. Pleasant session. Surprise visit of Old Fortisth Lodge, who officered and entertained. Programme: Auction sale; well carried out.—April 7. Good attendance. Three initiated and one received on c.c. Bro. Frampton, P.S., on behalf of the members, presented Bro. J. S. Wright, L.D., with a handsome inkstand, suitably engraved, as a birthday gift. Arrangements made for special session at Easter, to welcome volunteer visiting brethren.

Manchester.—"Concilio et Labora." April 10. Reply from Right Hon. H. Childers, Home Secretary, re Poole Perjury Case. Election of Programme Committee. Songs by Sisters Yates, Martin, and Bro. Ritchie; recitations by Bros. Stokoe and Merrington. Good attendance. One initiated.

Exeter.—"Matthew the Miller." April 8. Greetings exchanged with the Excelsior Lodge, Torquay. Two delegates were appointed for carrying on open air work during the summer in connection with the other Temperance organisations in the city. Capital evening was spent.

Devonport.—"Hope of Ford." April 7. Public meeting. Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., presided. Addresses by the chairman, Bros. Gill, P.L.D., (James Tease), S. James, S.J.T., and Beach, D.M. Reci-tations by Sisters Beaton, sen., and E. Symons. Songs by Sister Pawsey, J.T., and Bro. James. Reading by Bro. W. Symons and Sister P. Symons, W.D.V.T. Bro. J. Gill presided at the harmonium.

Deal.—"True Unity." April 7. This Lodge, which has only been started a few weeks, and now numbers nearly 40 members, held a united session to celebrate the first meeting in the new Lodge-room. Two initiated and two proposed. A pleasant and profitable evening.

Lowestoft.—"Freedom." March 3 Open Lodge at 8.30, after which two were initiated.—March 10. Seven were initiated. Programme: Brothers' surprise night; when the sisters were surprised by a baked potato supper, with the addition of coffee.—March 17. One initiated and four proposed. A musical evening was successfully carried out.—March 31. Pound night; a very enjoyable evening was spent by upwards of 50 members and friends.—April 7. Visit of the Welcome Lodge, who officered and entertained, when songs and readings and an amusing dialogue were given.

Spennymoor.—"Triumph of Hope." March 17. Essay on "The Hand," by Bro. E. Amie, followed by interesting discussion.—March 24. "Mystery Bag," 3s. 10d. realised towards furniture fund.—March 31. Visit of Barnabas Lodge. Songs, Bros. Nattrass, Daglish and Wilde; recitations, Bros. Cooper, Jones, and Raine, and Sister Wilde; readings, Sister Pinkney, and Bro. W. Kennedy.—April 7. Roll call. Being brothers' night a supply of fruit, &c., was distributed. Songs, Bros. Jones, Syme and W. Ayton; readings, Bros. Harrison and J. Ayton.

Market Rasen.—"Hambleton Hill." The Lodge having heard that a late member now living in another town was in need, it was resolved to have a pound night, the proceeds to be sent to the brother. A committee was formed who wrote to every member of the Lodge, asking them to come. A nice programme was got up. Bro. J. Wilson shewed some views, whilst a brother recited "The Factory Chimney." At the close the sum of £2 5s. 5d. was realised.

Bristol.—"Morning Star." April 9. Interesting session. Members and visitors attended in good numbers. After some conversation on Grand Lodge Session, a "spelling bee" formed the programme for the evening. There were 10 competitors for two prizes, viz., "Macaulay's Essays" and "Ten Nights in a Bar-room." Bros. Goadby and Lucas took the prizes after an amusing contest.

Manchester.—"City." April 8. Visit of Tower of Refuge Lodge, about 20 of their members coming. Bro. Cochrane, W.C.T., presided, and in a very able speech incited the brethren to further efforts, as did also Bro. Plummer. Songs were rendered by Bros. Cunway and Boyson, Sisters Boyson and Morris, recitation by Bro. Harding; readings were given by Sisters Raymond and Cochrane.

Portland.—"Star of Portland." Thirty-one members of the Portland Sun Lodge visited and entertained. Songs by Sisters A. Pound and Reader, Bros. R. Attwood, Gibbs, Otter, Hardy, Pearce, Cumbon, Greenham and C. Stone; recitation, Bro. Gibbs; reading, Bro. W. Stone. Short addresses were given on the progress of the Order on the island, the Order in general, and the good feeling which existed between both Lodges at Portland, by Bros. J. C. Dine, L.D., W. H. Way, D.M., J. Watkins, W.C.T., and J. B. Reilly, P.W.C.T. Refreshments were provided.

Halstead. — "Hornor." April 8. Four persons initiated. Bro. R. A. Slader, W.D.A.S. (of Chelmsford), gave an address. Lodge progressing nicely.

Ryde.—"Ryde." March 23. A very successful drawing-room entertainment. There were about 95

members and friends present. A most enjoyable evening was spent.—March 30. Visit of West Medina Lodge and of members of the Albany Garrison Lodge. A capital programme of readings, recitations, solos, &c., was carried out. Bro. Shepard, P.D.C.T., presided, and initiated three candidates.—April 6. Two candidates initiated. The sisters surprised the Lodge by providing a very capital table, well laden, to which the members did ample justice.

WRITTLE.—"Writtle." April 12. Visit to Cook's Mill Green, about four miles distant, for the purpose of holding a special Lodge Session. Bro. E. A. Slader, L.D., presided, and there was a good attendance of members. Three candidates were initiated. A discussion took place as to the possibility of instituting a Lodge in the place, and it was resolved that the application for a Charter should be filled up. The evening was brought to a close by an address by Bro. Slader.

STOCKPORT.—"Gleaner." April 12. Visit of Bro. Mason, D.Trea., and Sister E. Thurley, P.D.V.T., who addressed the Lodge. Visit of the Hope of Reddish Lodge. The choir of the Gleaner entertained. Bros. Haworth, Gankrogers, and Walford, gave them a hearty welcome. Refreshments were served.

PORTSMOUTH.—"The Old Portiethe." March 29. Officered and entertained by the Nil Desperandum Lodge. Nine initiated, one on c.c.—April 5. Visited by the Penetor Lodge, which resulted in a very pleasant session. Programme: auction pound night, resulting in 8s. 4d. being handed to the superintendent Juvenile Temple.—April 12. Seven initiated; attendance good at each session, and Lodge improving.

MANNINGHAM. — "Volunteers." April 5. One initiated. Songs, readings, &c., the evening was enjoyably spent.—April 12. Bro. Knox, of Laurel Mount Lodge, read a paper entitled "Our Colours," which was much appreciated.

SALFORD.—"Hope of St. Bartholemew." April 7. Good attendance. One initiated. Sisters' night, who entertained with coffee, &c., and an excellent programme, in which the following took part: Sisters Morgan, E. and C. Hillyer, Smith, Handley, and Swindells. Sister Sherratt, W.V.T., acted as W.C.T. Hearty votes of thanks passed to visitors, of whom a good number were present, and to sisters for their (as the proposer put it) "eatables, drinkables, and sociables."

HEREFORD.—"True to the End." February 19. Four initiated; entertainment; fair attendance.—February 26. Four initiated; one applied for c.c., granted. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Pogson, who is leaving Hereford, for his past services. A vote of condolence was sent to Bro. and Sister King in their bereavement.—March 5. The Star of Hope Lodge visited and entertained; one initiated; pleasant evening; good attendance.—March 12. One initiated; pleasant evening; good attendance.—March 19. A public entertainment in the Friends' Meeting House, when a capital programme was gone through. The mayor of Hereford, J. H. Mariner, Esq., presided; a full house, and 25s. profit.—March 26. Two proposed, one initiated; during a recess those present partook of a splendid repast provided by the sisters; an enjoyable evening.—April 2. One initiated. "Postman's Night" letters were read from Bro. Whiting, P.W.D.S., now of Pontrhydd, and Bro. Errington, of Cheltenham. Bro. Jackson, D.C.T., gave a stirring address; good attendance.

ENFIELD.—"Star of Peace." April 12. Second Degree night. The Easter Monday committee's report adopted. Second Degree was conferred by Bro. Coleman on three members; afterwards entertained by brothers.

HYDE.—"Aim at Right." April 7. First meeting in new room. Sister A. Gregory, W.V.T., presided. Addresses by Bros. Fisher (Stockport), Stafford, Thurley, and Walford; songs by Bros. Barbour Dobbs, and Derbyshire. A good meeting, and augure better times to come.

WINCHESTER.—"Itchen Valley." April 2 Coffee supper was heartily enjoyed by a very large number of members. The evening's enjoyment was enlivened by readings, recitations, songs, &c., by several members; a very pleasant evening was spent. Another of the Rev. W. A. C. Chevalier's daughters initiated.—April 9. Open Lodge, when a very large number of members and friends attended; among the visitors were the wife, son, and daughter of the Rev. W. A. C. Chevalier, who take a great interest in the Order. Addresses by Bro. Councillor Barter and Bro. Weeks; musical duets and solos, readings, recitations, songs, &c., by several members. Two initiated; Lodge doing well.

RAMSGATE.—"Smug Harbour." April 5. The 14th anniversary was celebrated by a social tea and public meeting. The room was tastefully decorated with flags, flowers, &c. One hundred and sat down to well-provided repast. At the public meeting the room was filled to its utmost capacity. Captain P. S. Emett presided. Bro. W. Whitmore, L.D., read the annual report, which shewed the numerical strength of the Lodge last year stood at 36 members. During the year 35 candidates had been initiated, making a total of 71; but from this 14 had to be deducted, so that the net number in good standing at present is 57, and four candidates await initiation. During the past winter a Temperance meeting, under the presidency of Captain Emett, had been held every Monday evening, and a good number of pledges was the result. As to the finances, the Lodge was out of debt, and had a small balance in hand. The chairman then made some interesting remarks. Bro. Sergeant Butterworth, P.D.S.J.T., also spoke. Sister Hull recited, Sister Dugwell sang, Mr West and friends gave a selection on the bells. Bro. S. C. Western, D.C.T., next delivered a very earnest address. Miss Poole presided at the harmonium, and the proceedings were much enlivened by an excellent choir.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—"Silent Dew." March 26. Brothers surprise consisted of a coffee supper and social evening; tables decorated with flowers and ferns.—April 2. Lodge opened at 8, and closed at 9, for a conference of the Lodges to consider the advisability of having a Good Templar Mission; no business done; adjourned for a fortnight.—April 9. "Question box" carried out.

DEVONPORT.—"James Teare." April 5. Bro. Carter, W.S. presided. A good attendance. Song by Bro. Hill; duet, Sisters Hill and Welch; readings, Sister Taylor; recitation, Bro. Calloway.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morice Town." April 7. Visit of "Naval Star of Peace" Lodge. Bro. Rowley, W.C.T., presided, and gave a few remarks in a very earnest manner. Songs by Sister Rickette, Bros. Burt, Christy, and Blight; and a recitation by Bro. Rowley. A very pleasant meeting.

MILITARY.

COLCHESTER.—"Stronghold of Friendship." March 31. "Travelling Experiences under Bro. Buchanan, W.M., who gave and interesting narrative of his experiences travelling in Canada in 1816. He was followed by Bro. Jones, D.C.T. (who was staff clerk in Lord Wolseley's office in the Egyptian War, 1882), with his published account from the *Essex Telegraph* of "A Journey from Colchester to Ismailia." Brethren of the Cambridge University Lodge also interested the Lodge with an account of their marching from Cambridge to Haverhill. A pleasant evening spent.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." April 10. Large attendance. Bro. Harrison, W.C.T., presiding. Four candidates initiated, and others proposed. Report of special committee on the desirability of removing the Lodge to larger premises adopted. It was decided to take St. Thomas's Girls' School-room, and change the night of meeting from Saturday to Tuesday. Ten shillings was voted from the Lodge funds to a brother and sister in adverse circumstances. Programme: Mad-bag night—brought numerous letters, including one from Bro. Nixon, S.J., Alexandria; Bro. and Sister Nix, S.D., Cairo, Egypt; Bro. Newport, Chatham; Bro. Wadsworth, Devonport; and also from the Fitzhugh, St. Bevis, and Joseph Clark Lodges, Southampton. Picnic committee appointed. Encouraging report on the proposed Juvenile Temple by Bro. Sergeant Checkley.

DEGREE TEMPLE.

STRATFORD.—"South Essex." April 5. Bro. W. Searle, D.C.T. presided, and gave a short address upon the good of the Order. The Second Degree was conferred upon eight members, and the Third Degree upon seven members.

SKETCH OF NEWPORT, (MON.)

This year the annual session of Grand Lodge is to be held at Newport, the *Norus Burgus* of the Romans, the *Castell Newydd* of the Welsh, or, as it was put by several members in last G.L., "a little place somewhere in Wales," which was considered a good and sufficient description of the leading iron port in the kingdom.

Perhaps the fact that English history writers have been in the habit of handing Monmouthshire over to Wales, and Welsh map-makers so persistently returned the county to England, may account for some little ignorance as to the locality and character of its leading town, Newport.

Or more probably it is the rapidity with which Newport has developed, from a town of 7,000 or 8,000 when the

CHARTIST LEGIONS SWEPT DOWN

upon it in '39, into a busy sea-port with a population of nearly 50,000, the seat of thriving industries with miles of river wharves, and extensive systems of docks and railways. A glance at a "Bradshaw" railway map will shew that Newport is the point of convergence of a perfect net-work of railways.

Nothing has contributed more to the prosperity of the town than the splendid river upon which it stands, the River Usk, having the remarkable tidal rise of 40 feet. Few things are more surprising to the uninitiated than to see a difference of 40 feet in the height of a river in the course of a couple of hours.

Along the banks of the Usk the town extends for about two miles, and stretches back from the river over the summit of Stow Hill.

The central street of the town is

COMMERCIAL-STREET,

of good width and perfectly level and straight for a full mile—at one extremity of which is the new Town Hall, in which Grand Lodge will assemble. Many public and private street improvements have taken place recently, and the conversion of antiquated buildings into fine public and commercial edifices, is rapidly giving an imposing appearance to the principal streets.

Although the name of Newport does not figure conspicuously in the history of the past, it is nevertheless a place of considerable antiquity, as is testified by the ruins still standing near the river bridge of the castle built in the reign of Henry I.

But in the "black industries" of modern days it is taking its place in the forefront. As already indicated it is the leading iron port in the kingdom. At the Alexandra Docks, thousands of miles of the Great Canadian and Pacific Railway, if they were not "coiled down the main hatch," were stowed away in the holes of fine clipper ships for transport to the New World, and to-day there may be seen being shipped hundreds of miles of steel rails for the great Indian railway now being constructed.

As a coal port, too, Newport takes rank among the very first. An idea of the amount of coal leaving the port may be gained, perhaps, by just realising the fact that it is at the rate of

SIX TONS PER MINUTE,

reckoning every day of the year and every hour of the day and night. To see this vast quantity being shipped the visitor should stroll round the Alexandra Docks, and watch with what consummate ease the hydraulic lifts receive a pondorous truck of coal weighing between 16 and 18 tons raise it rapidly some 40 feet in the air, and then, in the most unceremonious manner, turn it very nearly upside down, thus shooting the coal into the mysterious depths of capacious steamships; then bringing the truck once more into position, deftly turns it out on to the high level rails, and comes down to receive another full one. Or, if the visitor wishes to see still more of the process, let him "square" someone on board a ship to allow him to take his stand with the gang of men who are down in the ship stowing the cargo, and see the tons of coal come thundering down from above, with a cloud of dust as thick as a desert sand storm, he will receive a very practical lesson in the "black art," and certainly carry away an impression not easily effaced.

At Newport, too, is situated

THE LARGEST NAIL FACTORY

in the kingdom, probable in the world; in addition to which there are extensive Engineering, Glass and Chemical works.

Some of the views from the higher parts of the town are of great range and interest. Visitors who are fond of rising with the sun, and taking a constitutional before breakfast, will be sure of obtaining an appetite and a view of a splendid panorama of sea and landscape at the same time, by turning to the neighbourhood of Stow Church or Stow Park. There, stretching away beyond the town, river, docks and shipping which lie at the foot of the hill, may be seen the Bristol Channel, away as far as can be seen to the east, narrowing into the estuary of the Severn, while to the westward the golden waters of the Channel broaden out into the mighty Atlantic. Away and beyond the Channel are the fields and villages of Somersetshire. Eastward the fertile lands of Gloucestershire may be seen as far as Tyndale's Column on a spur of the Cotswold's; whilst westward again the rock headlands of North Devon gradually lose themselves in the hazy horizon—the movements of the ever coming and going vessels, giving the necessary touch of life to the scene.

For those who will not be bound by the "cares of office" to a strict attendance at G.L., the county is full of places of interest.

THE ANTIQUARIAN WILL FIND

at the ancient city of Caerleon, three miles distant, with its well-stored museum, a rich fund of enjoyment; whilst Chepstow, with its noble ruins and unique tubular bridge, the Wyndcliffe, with its unrivalled grandour, and the ever beautiful ruin of Tintern Abbey, with its rare traceries and cloisters, and surrounding romantic scenery, have secured a reputation among the tourists of the world, which places them in the forefront of places which should be seen.

As touching the Order of Good Templars, it found its way to Newport very soon after its introduction into the country, and speedily grew to very large dimensions, doing an enormous amount of good in the town; and, although the Order is not now as strong as formerly, some of the first-started Lodges have continued to work without any interruption to the present time.

IN THE TOWN COUNCIL

the Order is represented by Bro. Alderman J. R. Jacobs and Bro. Councillor M. Mordey; on the School Board by Bros. W. H. Brown, D.C.T., and L. B. Moore; and on the Board of Guardians by Bro. W. H. Brown, D.C.T. Since the introduction of Good Templary the town has advanced in Temperance matters, and at the last Parliamentary election the Temperance vote aided very materially in securing the return of Mr. E. H. Carbutt, who now represents the borough, and who is a thoroughgoing supporter of the Direct Veto.

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MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1886.

OUR GOVERNMENT AND INTOXICANTS AMONG SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES.

By Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

Our Government, in annexing Bechuanaland, —a country as large as Spain—a year or two ago, permitted the sale of intoxicants to native chiefs and headmen, and Bro. J. B. Wheelwright, G.W.C.T. of Cape Colony, writes me that, as a consequence, it has become a "drink-ridden country ruled by brandy-sodden chiefs." Last year the Government also formally annexed the Transkeian territories to Cape Colony. Prior to then, under a kind of protectorate, the Cape authorities had allowed drink licences, but some of these licences forbade drink sale to natives while the others only allowed sale to natives on the latter producing a special magisterial permit. Last October, however, after annexation, a proclamation was issued permitting all licence-holders to sell specified quantities to any natives shewing special permits, *and to sell without permit or limit to all chiefs, petty chiefs, or headmen.* The London *Times* took the lead in denouncing this last, and I wrote the G.W.C.T. of Cape Coleny, urging agitation for its withdrawal. Our Colonial brethren were, however, already on the war path, and a letter from their G.W.C.T., dated Cape Town, January 11, said:—"The Cape Alliance and other Temperance bodies agitated by public meetings and petitions against the proclamation. We have succeeded, for the obnoxious announcement is withdrawn, and the Transkeian natives are saved for the present."

Papers since to hand shew that on December 31, the Cape authorities "amended the proclamation" by prohibiting the sale to chiefs, petty chiefs, and headmen—save on their presentation of a special magisterial permit, as is the case with ordinary natives.

The above news I received about the end of January, and I waited in vain through February and March for any announcement in Parliament of this important event which had taken place on December 31. In the meantime Religious, Temperance, and Good Templar bodies sent memorials to our Government officials in London in January, February, and even March, and received for reply notice that the memorials were sent on to the Cape authorities—whose report was awaited. Not a word was sent by our Government to these English societies to indicate the victory of December 31; in fact our Home Government seemed in total ignorance of what had for weeks and even months been public knowledge in Cape Colony—a colony with which they have telegraphic communication!

I therefore asked Mr. Valentine, M.P., to put a question in the House as to whether the Cape proclamation of October last was withdrawn, and if so on what date.

On March 26, the following reply was given in the House of Commons on behalf of the Government:—

In answer to Mr. Valentine,

Mr. Osborne Morgan said,—By a proclamation dated October 8, 1885, of the Government of the Cape Colony, and amended by a proclamation dated December 31, 1885, the sale of spiritnous liquors to any native, unless he should produce a permit signed by a magistrate, a justice of the peace, or field cornet, was prohibited in the Transkeian territory. The-e proclamations are still in force. There is no prohibition against the sale of other liquors to natives, although the importation of wine, beer, and other intoxicating liquors into the territory, except under certain conditions, is strictly forbidden. Papers relating to the subject were laid by me yesterday on the table, and will be circulated in a few days.

The character of this reply will be seen at once when it is noted that it pretends that the proclamation of October last, as well as the amendment of December, were both prohibitory, whereas in point of fact the first allowed free sale to chiefs and headmen, while the latter absolutely withdrew this—the worst part of the proclamation. Of the ignorance or reticence of the Government, as exhibited by their giving no hint of this during the nearly three months that had elapsed since December 31, nothing need be said, as it speaks for itself.

Next Week, in consequence of Good Friday, we shall publish this paper on Thursday, April 22nd, instead of on Friday. All communications should reach us a day earlier than usual.

What Ireland May Expect.—Speaking on the Home Rule Scheme in the House of Commons on April 8, Mr. Parnell said:—"Probably one of the first things that would happen under an Irish legislature would be a restriction of the sale of strong drinks on Sundays and other days, and certainly we must expect a considerable reduction in the amount of revenue derived from the liquor duties."

Durham Sunday Closing Bill.—The following paragraph has a place in a circular issued by Bro. W. Dodgson, D.E.S., South Durham, convening a meeting to discuss this Bill :—"You are doubtless aware that the Durham County Sunday Closing Bill has passed the third reading in the House of Commons. The Bishop of Durham will take charge of the measure in the House of Lords after Easter. It is of great importance that steps should immediately be taken to give his lordship all the assistance which he may consider will strengthen his hands. Mr. Fry, M.P., suggests a public meeting in Durham city, and it may be desirable that meetings should also be held throughout the county."

Prohibition writes :- Allow me a few words of explanation, *apropos* of your courteous remarks on my paper in the Watchword for April 5. I intentionally made no mention of Mr. MacLagan's Scotland Bill, as also of Mr. Johnston's Local Option scheme for Ulster, because, being merely sectional, they cannot be said to be "before the consideration of the country and the Temperance party" in general, in the sense of being offered for their acceptance, which is the sense in which I used the words. I fully admit that I ought, for strict accuracy, to have taken note of Mr. S. Howard's Bill, as that is a national measure, or, at any rate, one proposed for England, whose Temperance policy was my subject. But I believe the real cause of my having at the moment overlooked it was the fact that, though differing, of course, from the Government scheme, the two are yet so far akin as that the omission but little affects my argument. Both come under whatever objections may be felt to "legalising elective licensing boards," to the dangers of which you allude, so that it seems to matter comparatively little what *form* of elective or representative Option is preferred by the body of Temperance M.P.'s who reject direct option. I do imagine, however, that the large proportion of these (called "Local Optionists" in distinction to Direct Vetoists) have accepted the phrase "Local Option" in the sense put upon it, or to be put upon it by their Liberal leaders. I am far from undervaluing printed expressions of opinion on this matter, whether in leaders, pamphlets, &c.; but what is wanted is public discussion, official declarations and resolutions of Grand Lodge and other corporate bodies.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Lambeth.—The election of Guardians took place in the various divisions of this great parish last week. We note that Bro. John Mann was returned in the Norwood Ward. In the Brixton Ward Mr. J. H. Lile, a strong Temperance advocate, was returned at the head of the poll.

Newport, Mon.—Bro. W. H. Brown, D.C.T. (Monmouth District), has just been elected as a member of the Newport Board of Guardians. Bro. Brown is also a member of the Newport School Board. Bro. Councillor J. R. Jacob, J.P., was, at a recent meeting of the Newport Town Council, elected to fill an Aldermanic vacancy by 21 votes to one. The Order has now two good representatives in the Council in the persons of Bro. Alderman, J. R. Jacob and Bro. Councillor M. Mordey.

Leek.—Bro. I. Heath, P.W.D.C. North Stafford, has been elected a member of the Leek Board of Guardians.

Stoke.—Bro. A. Heath has been elected a member of Stoke Board of Guardians. It is very pleasing to note that at this place not a publican has been returned. One was nominated for Hanley Ward, but our brother polled nearly 300 votes more than did the publican.

Felling-on-Tyne.—Bro. J. Hepper, of Dare to be True Lodge, has been elected to the Board of Guardians. This Lodge is now represented on the Local Board, School Board, and the Guardians.

Cardiff.—In the Roath Ward, Bro. Councillor Beavan, W.D.Ch., East Glamorgan, and District Superintendent U.K.A. for South Wales, was returned second in a list of 13 candidates. A strong supporter of Temperance principles is thus added to the Board.

Presentation.—On Saturday, April 10, Bro. J. Shipman, of Angel of Mercy Lodge, Camden Town, was presented with a valuable gold watch by 224 employés of a firm of which he is manager, as a mark of their appreciation for his promptitude and coolness in subduing a fire at the manufactory on February 3 last.

The G.W.C.T. Note Book.

From Cape Colony an officer has gone to plant the Order in Madagascar.

"Oh for a *Lodge* in some vast wilderness," is in Cowper's "Task," Book II., and not in Shakespeare, to whom it was erroneously attributed in my last column.

Bro. Rev. William Ross, P.R.W.G.T., says over 5,000 persons have taken the teetotal pledge during the last 22 months at the meetings in Cowcaddens Free Church, Glasgow, of which he is pastor.

Bro. T. N. G. Clare, G.W.V.T., of the Bahamas, West Indies, moved, in the Legislature, the insertion of a clause in the Election Act, whereby drink-shops would be closed on election days. His amendment was adopted, and has become law.

In my last I named *North* Durham instead of *South* Durham, as having the following large Subordinate Lodges at the places named :—Lodge No. 999 (Tow Law), 132 members; 2146 (Howden-le-Wear), 120; 131 (Stockton), 107; 3245 (Stockton), 106.

The First Annual Report of the Young Crusaders Juvenile Temple, Chelsea, is printed, and contains a splendid record of the year's doing, a balance sheet also being added. The Temple has a penny bank, and a tonic sol-fa class, and is looking to the formation of a library and cricket club.

A Temperance Tour.—Bro. J. Pepper, of Lincoln, a while ago took a walking tour from Lincoln to London and back. He is 67 years of age, and on one occasion he walked 29 miles in one day. He addressed several Lodges and Temperance meetings *en route*. The whole journey occupied but 11 days. On returning to Lincoln he addressed a meeting of about 2,000, and was heartily received.

The Leicestershire and District Temperance Union is managed by an Executive, two-thirds of whom are elected by our District Lodge. Admiral King Hall is president, and Bro. Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., Bro. D. S. Hulme and Bro. Beckwith are vice-presidents; the agent being Bro. Hollier, P.D.C.T. of the Isle of Wight. The report shews an income of £350; an active propagation in every direction, and a large list of our Lodges affiliated.

The *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* tells how the master and mate of the water-logged ship named *The Ten Brothers* refused in their drunken daring to be rescued and so were drowned, while others of the crew were saved by the Sarah Ann, of Hartlepool. The officers of *The Ten Brothers* ship were little like the sober leaders of The Ten Brothers Lodge, in Denmark, who began to build their own Good Templar Hall even before their Lodge was instituted.

Bro. George Orman, who for many years was the agent of the Derby Temperance Society, has been appointed travelling secretary of the Sunday Closing Association in the Midlauds, and will reside in Birmingham.

Presentation.—On April 12, Bro. Frederick Jenkins, of the Royal Windsor Lodge, was presented with a handseme clock on the occasion of his marriage, by members of the different Temperance organisations in Windsor. On the previous Sunday he was also presented with a handsomely bound volume of the "Life of Christ," by the members of the Bible-class he is connected with.

An Irruption of French Wines.—The manufacturers and shippers of French light wines are anticipating an increase in the duty on their produce in the forthcoming Budget, and are shipping enormous quantities to this country, paying the duty on landing instead of bonding the wine in the usual course. Nearly 8,000 cases were landed at Dover on April 12, and about 20,000 more were lying at Calais awaiting shipments. The same activity prevails at other wine shipping ports.

The May Meetings.—Friends visiting London may find excellent day accommodation at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C. Luncheons, teas, &c., at moderate tariff. Country subscriptions 10s. 6d. per annum. Reading and writing-rooms, &c.

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Samuel Alexander, Woodbridge ...	0	5	0
Rev. R. P. Davey, Truro	0	5	0
Mrs. Woodall, Hull	0	5	0
W. Woodhall, Hull	0	5	0
J. E. Smurthwaite, Bognor	0	5	0
J. G. Tolton, Manchester	0	5	0
Valentine Burley, Sandwich	0	5	0
Rev. W. K. Cox, Coventry	0	5	0
T. Skevington, Nottingham	0	5	0
T. Smith, Accrington	0	5	0
Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., Leicester ...	0	5	0
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P. J. Whitehead, Southpert	0	5	0
"A Friend," Southampton	0	5	0
John G. Thoroton, Bristol	0	5	0
F. W. Crick, Bedford	0	5	0
Mrs. E. Robinson, Bargate	0	5	0
John Bowen, Brockley	0	5	0
C. D. Webb, Ledbury	0	5	0
Dawson Burns, D.D., London	0	5	0
Rev. T. R. Hargreaves, Keighley ...	0	5	0
H. Ansell, London	0	5	0
James Lloyd, London	0	5	0
S. Perrett, Bridgwater	0	5	0
Per J. Firbank, Bishop Auckland ...	0	5	0
Per J. P. Little, Carlisle	0	5	0
Per J. Thomas, Bridgwater	0	5	0
Per S. B. Hupton, Norwich	0	5	0
Per Thomas Todd, Carlisle	0	5	0
Per William Dodgson, Stockton-on-Tees	0	5	0
Per Miss A. Charls, Weymouth ...	0	5	0
Per G. Batchelor, Beckenham	0	5	0
Per Florence L. Milner, Lancaster ...	0	5	0
Per John Williams, Manchester ...	0	5	0
Per C. J. Crews, Morley	0	5	0
Per A. P. Stead, Madeley	0	4	0
Per Bro. Anderson, Hebburn	0	3	6
Rev. E. Turland, Cheltenham	0	3	0
A. J. Lucas, Bristol	0	2	6
Miss Adela Aust, Corsham	0	2	0
Per Seth Warburton, Low Spennymoor	0	2	0
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John B. Collings, G.W.Sec.,
G.L. Offices, Birmiogham.

Good Templar Volunteers and the Easter Manœuvres.—Arrangements have been made to hold Lodge Sessions at Dover, Canterbury, Portsmouth, and Aldershot. Upon application to the secretaries, any member may receive a card with the names of Lodges and their addresses. It is hoped that many will join in the meeting, feeling that it will strengthen each one in the Order, and save many from temptation. The secretaries are—for Dover and Canterbury: Bro. A. G. Simmons, Heatherside-road, Ewell. For Portsmouth, Bro. M. Glaser, 14, Balmoral Grove, Caledonian-road, N. For Aldershot, Bro. H. M. Allam, 10, Corinne-road, Tufnell Park-road.

Shutting Them Up.—At Blandford, on Thursday, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Temperance Society, on the motion of Bro. W. C. Amery, "That this committee rejoices at the recent diminution in the number of the very many sources of crime, distress, and pauperism, in Blandford, and expresses its thankfulness for the manifestation of philanthropy and public spirit on the part of the Hon. Miss Portman, by whose beneficent action in purchasing and closing the Portman Arms, that satisfactory result has been achieved." The magistrates at the last Licensing Sessions withdrew the licence from a beer-house where murder had recently been committed by the licence-holder.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The Irish question has entirely absorbed public attention during the past week. The scene in the House of Commons on April 8, was one that will not soon be forgotten. The same may be said of Mr. Gladstone's wonderful oratorical effort. If all our legislators would infuse the same spirit and nobleness of purpose into their actions and speeches as that displayed by the Premier on Thursday week, much of the bitterness of political life would soon disappear. It is not within the province of these columns to offer any opinion on the question of the future government of Ireland. Yet the hope may be expressed that whatever action is taken, it may be such as will bind our sister isle more closely to us, and dispel much of the bitterness which has existed for so many years.

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The vacancies in the Ministry created by the resignation of those disagreeing with Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy have been filled up with friends of Temperance. Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth has been appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. Stafford Howard goes to the Indian Office as Under-Secretary, and Mr. Borlase succeeds Mr. Jesse Collings at the Local Government Board. These three gentlemen are in favour of the Direct Veto policy advocated by the Grand Lodge.

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I am glad to see that Mr. J. Charles Durant retains his seat for Stepney. For 20 years he has been well-known upon the Temperance platforme of the Metropolis, and his presence in the House will be very welcome whenever our question comes on for discussion.

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The concluding festival of the Lambeth Baths winter meetings was held on Saturday, April 10, under the presidency of Mr. Samuel Morley. During the season 203 meetings have been held, 116 of which were Gospel, Temperance, and experience meetings, and about 1,000 persons have signed the pledge. Since these gatherings were first inaugurated — 24 years ago — the character of the surrounding district has changed for the better, and numbers of the inhabitants have been brought under good influences and are now living higher and holier lives. Too much praise cannot be given to the Rev. G. M. Murphy and his earnest band of workers, all of whom give their services in this good cause.

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Those writers who are ever anxious to minimise the strength of the Prohibition Party in the States should study the American papers a little more, and they would soon perceive how mistaken they are in their views. No governor thinks of sending out his annual message without referring to the question, and those not in favour of extreme measures admit the justice of the demand for some curtailment of the traffic. The success of Georgia, Kansas, and Iowa has given an immense impetus to the movement in other States, and many are preparing to make prohibition the test question at the next election.

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An illustration that the law is no dead letter in Kansas is found in the testimony of Governor Martin, who recently said:

During the past 11 weeks I have been through all parts of the State, speaking at fairs and reunions once or twice every week. These gatherings have numbered from 2,000 to 6,000 people. My opportunities for finding out the true status of the enforcement of the prohibitory law have been unequalled. During this time I have been struck with the entire absence of drunkenness. In fact, incredible as it may appear, I did not see a drunken man through my whole circuit. Here in Topeka, at the reunion, the largest gathering ever held in the State, where no less than 100,000 people were present, only one case of intoxication came under my observation. It is my opinion that not more than one-tenth of the liquor is sold in the State to-day that there was before the passage of the prohibitory law.

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Among the various efforts put forth at the present time to assist those who are suffering through the depression of trade, is a movement started by Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Lady Wolseley, and others. "Scrap" carts have been provided, which collect broken food in London. This is carefully cooked, being made up into puddings, stews, pies, &c., and retailed to the poor at a penny a dish.

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The Excise law recently adopted by the Russian Government will have the effect of closing quite 80,000 grog saloons. Licences for the sale of liquor will only be granted to hotels and restaurants, and these will be limited according to the judgment of the Excise officers, and a fee of £45 charged for each. The Finance Minister says that "while experience has proved that the vice of drunkenness cannot be extirpated by legislative measures, it is certain that wise legislation can at least do much to lessen the evil, and contribute to the moral development of the people."

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The latest novelty as a Band of Hope instructor is supplied in this month's *Band of Hope Chronicle*, in the shape of a "Punch and Judy show." The writer says:—"Perhaps the idea has not occurred to your readers that a Punch and Judy show, made on the plan of the well-known street shows, may be made useful in children's entertainments. I have constructed one this winter, and wishing to make it instructive as well as amusing, have introduced a Temperance story. I find that very young children remember the thread of the story, and the moral, as well as the more amusing parts. It will *draw* any number of children."

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This is certainly a novel idea, yet I do not see why it should not be made very useful. We all, as boys and girls, have spent many minutes at the corner of streets watching the adventures of Punch and his spouse; though I am afraid the dialogue put into their mouths by the "worker" is not often of an edifying character. But a reformed and regenerated Punch, anxious to make amends for all his past misdeeds, and prepared to teach his auditors the truths of Temperance, is a vast improvement; and it is to be hoped the originator of this reform will communicate to others some further particulars of the working of this new "instructor." Free Lance.

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL SESSION

NEWPORT, MON., 1886.

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of England

WILL BE HELD IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, STOW HILL, NEWPORT, MON., COMMENCING ON

EASTER MONDAY, April 26, 1886.

Qualifications for Grand Lodge Degree.—(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms, (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members three years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges, or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only such of these who have not forfeited their Degrees or their qualifying titles, by expulsion, withdrawal from the Order, or violation of pledge, are eligible for entry on this Credential.

The following arrangements for the Session have been made:

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1886.

7.0 p.m.	Juvenile Templar Demonstration at the Royal Albert Hall, Stow Hill. Choir of 400 voices.

EASTER SUNDAY.

2.30 p.m.	Official Sermon in the Town Hall, by Rev. Joseph Aston, G.W. Chaplain.

EASTER MONDAY (Royal Albert Hall, Stow Hill).

11.30 a.m.	Credential Committee will sit till 2.30 in Credential Committee Room, Royal Albert Hall.
2.0 p.m.	Grand Lodge Members admitted. Royal Albert Hall.
2.30	Grand Lodge Session opened in G.L. Degree. Roll of officers called.
2.45	Candidates for Grand Lodge Degree admitted.
3.0	Grand Lodge Degree conferred. Officers' reports presented; Committees appointed, and order of procedure decided.
4.0	Reception of delegates from kindred societies.
4.30	Adjournment.
4 and 5	A public tea will be held in the Tabernacle School-room, Dock-street.
7.30.	Public reception meeting. Royal Albert Hall.

TUESDAY (Town Hall).

7.30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.
8.0	Credential Committee will sit till 9 o'clock in the Credential Committee Room, Town Hall, Dock-street.
9.0	Session re-opens in G.L. Degree. Additional Candidates initiated.
10.0	Roll of Representatives called. Business proceeded with.
1 p.m.	Adjournment.
2.30	Session re-opens in Third Degree.
7.0	Adjournment.
7.30—8	Conferences of Political Action and Juvenile Templars, and Committee Meetings.

WEDNESDAY.

7.30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street
9.0	Session re-opens in Third Degree.
1 p.m	Adjournment.
2.30	Session re-opens.
7.0	Adjournment.
7.30	Session re-opens. Adjourns at will.

THURSDAY.

7.0 a.m.	Preston Club Re-union Breakfast. Association-room, Hill-street.
7.30	Prayer Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.
9.0	Session re-opens in Grand Lodge Degree for installation of officers.
1 p.m.	Adjournment.
2.30	Session re-opens in Subordinate Degree.
7.0	Adjournment.
7.30	Session re-opens. Adjourns at will.

FRIDAY.

7.30 a.m.	Prayer meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.
9.0	Session re-opens in Grand Lodge Degree, and closes at will in that Degree.

Entrance.—*No Grand Lodge member or candidate* can enter the session without first presenting a ticket or credential to the Credential Committee for endorsement.

Representatives.—Reps. will have to present their credentials to the Credential Committee who will exchange them for a ticket.

G.L. Members' Certificates.—All those already possessing the Grand Lodge Degree, not being representatives, must present a certificate signed by the W.C.T. and W.S. of their ordinary Lodge. The G.W. Secretary will supply certificates on application through the L.D.

Candidates' Credentials.—*All Candidates* for the Grand Lodge Degree, not being representatives, must present credentials signed by the W.C.T. and W.S. of their ordinary Lodge. The G.W. Secretary will supply credentials on application from the L.D.

Seats.—After Monday, representatives will sit together according to their Districts, the places being previously fixed by ballot, under the direction of the Reception Committee. The number of the seats, with the names of the Districts, will be exhibited on the first day of the session. Should a regular representative fail to be in his place at Grand Lodge immediately after the roll of representatives is called, the highest alternative present can claim the seat for the session, when the Credential Committee shall consult the co-representatives present and report the facts. On a seat being once allowed to either representative or alternate it cannot be afterwards occupied by the other during the same session.

Absence Without Leave.—Any representative leaving the session without permission may be disqualified from participating in the mileage fund.

Voting Power.—The voting power is confined to its officers, past officers, representatives, and past representatives, but only representatives, vote in the election of officers, and when the yeas and nays are called.

Regalia.—No member or visitor can be admitted without regalia. All Grand Lodge members must furnish themselves with either Grand Lodge, Third Degree, or Sub-Lodge Officers' regalia. A Grand Lodge Book Stall will be furnished, where regalia can be either hired or purchased.

Lodgings.—Applications for accommodation should be sent to Bro. W. Jones, 14, Arthur-street, Newport, Mon. Applicants should state whether they are representatives or not.

Train Accommodation.—The railway authorities refuse to make national concessions. Local members may approach the authorities with a view to the reduction of fares.

(Signed) John B. Collings,
(Hon.) G.W.Sec.

The Sale of Liquors to Children.—I am pleased to see that this matter is before the House of Commons, and trust the time is not far distant when a bill will be passed prohibiting publicans from selling to children under 13 years of age. To me it seems a crime, that children of tender years should be sent to public-houses, for children are all curious, and, therefore, it is only childlike that they should taste what they have been sent for. Now, how often that tasting leads to liking and liking becomes longing, and thus we have our children turn out confirmed drunkards; whereas if they had not been sent to fetch it in the first instance, they would have grown up respectable men and women. Parents have much to answer for in this respect. Here is a case which has come under my own notice. I am living opposite a beerhouse, and every Sunday dinner time there is a child of not more than three years of age, sent three or four times for beer, the child is so young that she cannot open the door herself, but has to wait until someone comes along to open it for her. This sort of thing takes place in a Christian country; I call it barbarous. The publicans, too, in this town, encourage children by giving them presents at Christmas; therefore I think it is quite time this was put a stop to, and I trust that all Good Templars, and Temperance societies will do all they can to bring this about.—George Branscombe, Birmingham.

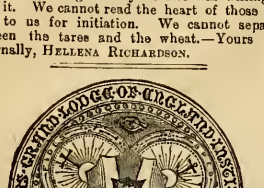
Lodges in Agricultural Districts.—Having for some years been an Executive officer, and latterly D.C.T. of what is probably the most purely agricultural District Lodge in England or Wales, I may be able to contribute something to this discussion. In Radnorshire, our largest town (Knighton) has barely 2,000 inhabitants, while there are but two other places whose population exceeds 1,000. Notwithstanding this, we have nine Lodges in good working order in that district, the smallest having a membership of over 20, and these of course situate in places that can hardly be termed villages. One of our largest, oldest, and best Lodges is located in a village which has about 24 houses, and a population of 150. This Lodge has had a membership of 140 at one time, and of course the members had to attend from long distances, the country around being only sparsely populated. Another Lodge has been working for 11 years, and this in a still smaller country village, but without failing to meet every week regularly except on one occasion during the long period. Other of our Lodges in small hamlets shew almost an equally good record, but on the other hand the Lodges located in the small towns of the county at one time or another have utterly collapsed and had to be re-started. In the county town (Presteigne) the Lodge failed to meet eight or nine years ago, and all efforts to get it to work again came to naught. The experience of this district goes to prove that Good Templary can be worked most efficiently even in country districts, provided we can get hold of members of the right stamp in the various places who will attend and interest themselves in their Lodges. No doubt we are unable to indulge in those fraternal and encouraging visits that are possible in towns where there are two or more Lodges, and that District officers have to be tolerably self-sacrificing, and willing to make long journeys in the winter evenings along dark and muddy country roads. In this District, we have 320 adult members, and also 330 juveniles in seven Temples, out of a population of barely 30,000; thus we number more than one in 60 of the total inhabitants. I do not wish to crack up our District, but merely to point out that were our Order equally well represented throughout the kingdom, we should have a membership (adult and juvenile) of about three-quarters of a million. No matter how small a village may be, rarely is it too small for a public-house to exist and flourish. Then let us, too, endeavour to plant our Lodges and Juvenile Temples side by side with these sources of evil, until our Order will form a vast network throughout the kingdom. Thus shall we hasten that good time coming when Britons shall be free from the vices which now enslave them.—D. Charles Davies, D.C.T., Radnorshire.

Associates of Good Templary.—It seems hardly fair to criticise Bro. T.B.C's scheme when so little is known of its details, but how will it remedy the difficulty of which he speaks—that of working the "social club" idea of our Order without in the least impairing its character as a devoted working army—if the two classes of members are to meet in the same Lodge meetings as at present? In proportion to the distinction drawn between working members and those who, it is understood, come to be amused, would be, one would think, the stringency of the demand for amusement on the part of these latter. Are the associates to hold office, vote with the full members, attend District Lodge, &c.? Whether or no, either alternative presents grave difficulties.

Then I fail to see how the exchange of the Templar form of pledge for the Blue Ribbon one would lessen the evil of violation. Some poor victim of drink, after intinite pains and many prayers on the part of friends, takes the pledge, "God helping" him, at a Blue Ribbon meeting, and a few days after is seen drunk as usual. One feels inexpressibly pained and shocked; I do not think it would be possible to feel more so if the pledge had been made in a Templar Lodge, nor that the actual guilt and degradation are less than in the latter case. The fact is, *all unconditional* teetotal pledges are "life-long" in the only rational sense. If one were to tell the people at a teetotal meeting that the pledge they are signing is not for life (a thing no one would dream of doing), they would naturally answer, "For how long is it then?" I cannot but think that to give a Blue Ribbon or other ordinary pledge in connection with the Good Templar Order, in order that breaking it may be less disgraceful or serious than if taken in Templar form, would be to decidedly lower even the present standard of moral feeling with respect to Temperance pledges, and that the Templar obligation would really suffer with the rest. The only alternative where the resolution is known to be weak is the old device of an *experimental* or *time* pledge. Would it be possible to graft this on in the form of an associate section to the Order? I cannot tell, but if tried it strikes me that the length of the experiment should vary with the wishes of the person making it, *i.e.*, one might sign for a week at first, and then again, perhaps lengthening the time; while another signed for three or six months; but that the period should be equal for all before which the full unconditional obligation could not be taken. But in any case I hope no pledge will ever be administered with the sanction of our Order mutilated of its clauses against giving, buying, and selling. These present no great added difficulty to the majority of persons who join the Order. To people of rank, &c., to banish drink from the table is open a far greater stumbling-block than the personal abstinence; but, as a general rule, the artisan who is honestly prepared for personal abstinence accepts with little difficulty the idea of not providing it for others, and finds his best means of keeping his pledge in washing his hands of the thing altogether. At the same time I firmly believe that in this quiet, matter-of-course assumption made by our Order, that a rational teetotal pledge necessarily means not giving, or selling, or making, by the same principle that it means not taking, resides the real strength and forefront position of the organisation. To divide the pledge would be gratuitously to lower our standard and that without motive, since those who keep faithfully the personal portion comparatively seldom fail in the rest.—I. Metford.

Associates of Good Templary.—I am much interested in the able letter of Bro. T.B.C., which appears in your number for April 5, on the Mid-Somerset suggestion of "Associates of Good Templary." I agree with him as to the original design of the I.O.G.T., that it was intended to form the advance guard of the Temperance army, but I do not suppose that any restriction was contemplated; any sifting out of such as would not be expected to march in the front ranks. No scheme to separate between tares and wheat has ever been successful, and the founders of our Order were, I think, too wise to attempt it. They took, as we take, all who could be prevailed on to come; seeking to educate them into worthy members by means chiefly of the ritual, and to bring them up to the required standard. And if we could raise every member to that standard ours would be indeed a glorious work. But we cannot do all that we would; and the question simply is how best to do what we can. Do the "milk and bun feasts" hinder or help us? Our brother approves of them for associates. But the associates would gain nothing of Good Templar principles and influence if they were left alone to feast on the buns and milk; and if we are to spend our time in feasting with them, then why not receive them into full membership with ourselves? The "double duty" of entertainment and instruction is to my mind the great aim and end of the I.O.G.T. We may often be of opinion that better entertainments might be chosen, better instruction given; but, like all other societies, the I.O.G.T. must do the best it can with imperfect human instruments; and I think that hitherto we Good Templars *have done well*. Our foes were correct in their opinion that our organisation "meant war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt." And truly we have carried out our meaning. Wherever a decided stroke has weakened the enemy, our folks have had a share in dealing the blow. I doubt if a single Temperance society could be named where Good Templars were the most zealous and the best trained of its members. And if our foes now lull themselves to sleep, in the persuasion that we "mean only milk and bun feasts," they will surely have a rude awakening. But this is not so. They are already wide awake. They know us too well. The I.O.G.T. is, in their eyes, amongst the most bigoted, fanatical, and detestable of our Temperance organisations. And they have weighty reasons for their dislike of us. It is remarkable that of those who leave our ranks, after any but a very short term of membership, very few, comparatively speaking, break their pledge of total abstinence. The teaching of our Order is more effectual than that, I believe, of any other Temperance society which is not supplemented by a money interest, and our members, though they may get tired of hard Templar work, or may unhappily take offence where they should have borne and forborne, yet mostly continue staunch abstainers for life. And I think that "T.B.C." would entirely agree with me in my view of the matter, but for one point, a point to support which he has, I fancy, hunted up his other objections. If I could persuade him that he was mistaken on this one point, he would at once waive all the rest. He is grieved at the administering of a life-long pledge to any who may not have realised what it means. I do not suppose that he really looks upon our obligation as an "extravagant promise." It is but what Christian common-sense would dictate to us all, and what he himself, doubtless, holds as strongly as I do. And the question really before us is, whether more weak and careless ones would be rescued if we took our members at first on trial with a pledge for a term, admitting them to our Lodge-rooms, but allowing them, I conclude, no vote. I greatly fear that many who now bless our Order for deliverance from intemperance, many brought over from moderation who are now zealous, hard-working members, would have been at this moment on the other side, but for our life-long pledge. I know some myself. There are not a few who *once in their lives* are willing to sign the pledge. Lose the opportunity, and you lose them entirely; take them for a term, and they go back at the end of it. Take them for life when they are disposed to come, and by degrees—in many cases by slow degrees—they become firm and decided. These will themselves tell you that had it not been for the life-long pledge, if they had promised but for a month, for three months, for a year, it may be, they would surely have gone back. The custom of society, the influence of friends, the worry and discomfort would have been too much for them, if not the liking for the drink itself. And of those who break the pledge, it is but very rarely that their promise was lightly given, or that they misunderstood in any way what they were doing. It is, as in all other broken promises, the weakness of humanity and the strength of temptation. It is, of course, a serious neglect of duty for any member to bring up a candidate who is in ignorance of the sort of promise which he is about to make. The same right of duty would operate equally in the bringing in of an associate to take the full pledge without due instruction and explanation; and those who would neglect the one could hardly be expected to attend to the other. And it is very doubtful if an associate would find the Lodge meetings interesting, when he had no part in the management, no office, no vote. He would have nothing but the husk, while the full members ate the nut; and he would judge Good Templary a very empty dry affair. Then the life-long pledge cuts a man more entirely away from temptation than does the pledge for a term. It gives him more support, and the reclaimed drunkard truly needs all he can get. For moderate drinkers who wish to try the experiment of total abstinence on their peculiar

constitutions before signing for good, there are other societies which they can join as a sort of probationary step, but I would if possible get them also to come straight in with us. A serious responsibility would be incurred by the refusal to accept the life-long pledge of anyone who was willing to make it. We cannot read the heart of those who come to us for initiation. We cannot separate between the tares and the wheat.—Yours very fraternally, Hellena Richardson.



G.W.C.T.—Joseph Malins, } G.L Offices, Edmund
G.W.Sec.—J. B. Collings, } St., Birmingham.
G.S.J.T.—Mrs. Lydia A. Walshaw, 30, Elmfield, Savile Park, Halifax.

Telegraphic Address:—"Templars, Birmingham."

Home Mission Department.

Agent for Northern Area.—John Wrathall, 7, Baldwin-street, Haweoat, near Barrow-in-Furness.

Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage.

Hon. Sec.—Bro. S. R. Rolfe, 45, Paulet-road, Camberwell, S.E.

Portsmouth Harbour Special V.D.—Bro. A. Bishton, 35, Abercrombie-street, Landport.

Military District.

D.C.T.—Quarter-Master Sergeant, O. G. L. Jones, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—Sister E. K. Gabb, Collingwood Mount, Farnborough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. Smith, 19, Hsarn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Naval District.

D.C.T.—James Rae, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

G.W.C.T.'S OFFICIAL NOTICE.

IMPORTANT AND IMMEDIATE.

Recommendations of Lodge Deputies.

A form for the recommendation of Lodge Deputy for the new Grand Lodge year, commencing this month, at Easter, is now sent to every Lodge in care of the present Lodge Deputy, for him to hand (with a notifying circular) to the W.Secretary. The W.Sec. should read such notice to the Lodge without fail, immediately on receipt, and the form should then lie over one week, when the recommendation must be made by ballot, and the form filled and immediately posted by the W.Sec. to the District Deputy (whose address is on the back of the form) for endorsement and dispatch to the G.W.C.T.'s Office. By the last day of this month (and therefore before installation night) the G.W.C.T. will send the new commission to the newly-recommended L.D.'s to entitle them to install, and will also send the new cypher with which alone they will be able to decipher the new password sent through the W.D. Secretary. *None but the newly-recommended or re-recommended Deputies can receive the new cypher or install the officers.*

(A form for recommendation of Lodge Electoral Superintendents is also enclosed for similar attention.)

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

April 7, 1886.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE.

THE NEXT SESSION of this Lodge will be held at South-place Chapel, Finsbury, on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. sharp.

J. H. Retallack-Moloney,
Worthy District Secretary,
The Limes, North Bow, E.

Middlesex.—The D.E.S. for Middlesex is Bro J. W. Jones, 126, Hall-place, Maida-hill, London N.W. By some inadvertence this address is omitted from the recommendation forms recently issued to the Electoral Superintendents. The omission has occurred through the going astray of certain forms. E.S.'s will please note this,

TRUSTWORTHY TESTIMONY.

OPINIONS OF PROMINENT AMERICANS UPON A SUBJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO EVERY READER.

The day for pretenders has passed. Men are now judged by what they can do, and not by what they say they can do. The reading public of to-day is too discriminating to be long deceived by the spurious. If an article has merit it will become popular; if it is unworthy it will sink into oblivion. For years the people of America have put to the severest tests a compound regarding which most ambitious claims have been made. Under such ordeals as it has been subjected to, nearly every known preparation would have failed, but this one did not. In the United States, Canada, and Australia, it is to-day the most widely known and popular of all preparations. In verification of which note the following:—

"New York, August 15, 1883.

"H. H. Warner & Co.

"Over two years ago my attention was first called to "the use of 'Warner's Safe Cure' for Bright's disease. "Notwithstanding the good opinion I had everywhere "heard of it, I somewhat hesitated to recommend it; but "a personal friend whose application for insurance on his "life was rejected on account of Bright's disease, came "to me. A chemical and microscopical examination of "his water revealed quantities of albumen and granular "casts, the sure sign of fatal Bright's disease. *After "trying all the usual remedies in vain,* I directed him "to use Warner's Safe Cure. I was greatly surprised "to observe a decided improvement within a month. "Within four months no tube casts could be found, "and only a trace of albumen; and, as he expressed "it, he felt 'perfectly well.' After this demonstration "of its power, I prescribed it in full doses in both "acute and chronic Bright's disease, with the most "satisfactory results. In a large class of ailments where "the blood is in an unhealthy state—where there is no "evidence of organic mischief, but where the general "health is depleted, the face sallow, the water coloured, "constituting the 'bilious' condition—the advantage "gained from the use of 'Warner's Safe Cure' is "remarkable.

"I find that in Bright's disease it seems to soothe and "heal inflamed membranes, and wash out epithelial "debris which blocks up the tubuli urinferi, and to pre-"vent the destructive metamorphosis of tissue. . . .

"I am willing to acknowledge and commend thus frankly "the virtue of 'Warner's Safe Cure.'"

R. A. Gunn M.D.

Dr. Gunn is the Dean of the well-known United States Medical College of New York City, the Editor of the *Medical Tribune*, and an author of wide repute. Besides the statement given above, the Doctor warmly commends Warner's Safe Cure in several of his published works.

Dio Lewis, M.A., M.D., has for years been a distinguished writer and authority on hygiene. He has fought the idea of using much medicine, insisting that exercise, hygienic diet, and regularity were the most effective foes of disease. Hence, praise for a proprietary medicine from such a source is "praise from Sir Rupert."

"Bible House, New York, June 5, 1883.

"H. H. Warner & Co.

"Gentlemen,—The very marked testimonials from "College Professors, respectable Physicians, and "other gentlemen of intelligence and character, to the "value of 'Warner's Safe Cure,' published in the "editorial columns of our best newspapers, have greatly "surprised me. Many of these gentlemen I know, and "reading their testimony I was impelled to purchase "some bottles of 'Warner's Safe Cure' and analyse it. "Believing I took some, swallowing three times the pre-"scribed quantity. I am satisfied the medicine is not "injurious, *and will frankly add that if I found my-"self the victim of a serious kidney trouble I "should use your preparations.* The truth is, the "medical profession stands dazed and helpless "in the presence of more than one kidney malady, "while the testimony of hundreds of intelligent and very "reputable gentlemen hardly leaves room to doubt that "you have fallen upon one of those happy discoveries "which occasionally bring help to suffering humanity.—Yours truly.

Dio Lewis

Editor and Proprietor of "Dio Lewis' Monthly," author of "Our Girls," "Our Digestion," "Weak Lungs; How to Make Them Strong," &c.

Hon. Richard T. Jacob, Ex-Lieutenant Governor of the State of Kentucky, was prostrated by the ardous duties of a political canvass, and was restored by the use of Warner's Safe Cure. Read what he says:—

"Westport, Oldham, Co. Ky. June 28, 1883.

"H. H. Warner & Co.

"My health is now excellent, but in the summer of "1882, when I was making a canvass for appellate clerk, "my health and strength gave way. It was with "the greatest difficulty that I could conduct my "canvass. I had great lassitude, with pain in the "region of the kidneys, and it was almost impossible "to rally after any effort. I feared I should be "obliged to withdraw from the canvass. At this "time my wife induced me to use Warner's Safe "Cure, and to my great delight and marked satisfac-"tion, I was restored to health, and have remained so to "this day. During that canvass I rode nearly 500 miles "on horseback in one month, over the mountains of "eastern Kentucky, speaking nearly every day, and my "physical strength and vigour constantly increased "under the healthful stimulus and healing effect of "Warner's Safe Cure. All the difficulties I complained "of have disappeared, and I give the credit wholly to "the Safe Cure."

Richard T. Jacob

(*Ex-Lieutenant Governor.*)

Brigadier-General C. A. Heckman, of New Jersey, by repeated exposure to all kinds of weather during the late war between the States, contracted a severe kidney disorder, which finally resulted in Bright's disease.

"Phillipsburgh, N.J., June 18, 1881.

"H. H. Warner & Co. *Sirs*:—Having used your "Safe Cure with great benefit I take pleasure in "making it known to the public as a certain cure for "Bright's disease of the kidneys. "I had been afflicted "with that disease ever since the fall of 1864, and on "several occasions was near death. In October last I "had a severe relapse and was confined to my bed for "several months, and had given up all desire or hope "to recover. Noticing an account of the remarkable "cure of B. F. Larrabee, of the New York and Boston "Despatch Express Company, I ordered your medicine "and it gave me immediate relief, and I am now, and "have been since the 1st of April, constantly engaged "at my business. I owe to your Safe Cure all the "strength I have to-day. The doctors all told me I was "going to die. When I improved so fast some of my "neighbours wondered at seeing me so well, and many of "my friends are taking your remedy through the result "of my experience."

Brig. Gen. C. A. Heckman

Miss Maude Granger, the distinguished emotional actress, who made such a decided hit as "Cecily Blaine" in the "Galley Slave," was prostrated by the constant strain upon her nervous system necessitated by the portrayal of this character, and was obliged to abandon her engagement. Read what she says:—

"New York, May 26, 1883.

"H. H. Warner & Co.

"The severe physical and mental effort necessary in "creating and representing various characters in a large "number of plays caused such a strain upon my system "that my health gave way entirely, and I was obliged "temporarily to abandon the stage. The suffering I then "endured, and the terrible condition I was in, can "only be appreciated by those women who have under-"gone the same experience. It was while still suffering "that I learned of Warner's Safe Cure, and began its "use. I have taken it faithfully, and am happy to state "that I am now completely restored to health and my "usual vigour, and that I believe the cure to be per-"manent, so much so that I intend starring in the play of "Her Second Love' during the coming season. I think "it only just that I should make the foregoing statement "for the benefit of the thousands of ladies in all parts of "America who have been and are afflicted by those weak-"nesses and trials I once endured."

Maude Granger

The following persons of standing and influence in the United States and Canada, are a few of the thousands who have used and recommended Warner's Safe Cure, the great specific for kidney liver, and urinary diseases:—

Senator B. K. Bruce, Washington, D.C.; Judge Robert C. Elliott, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. J. E. Rankin, D.D., Washington, D.C.; S. A. Lattimore, Ph. D., LL.D., Rochester, N.Y.; Judge Edward R. Harden, Quitman, Ga.; Rev. E. D. Hopkins, Conant, Fla.; Rev. C. L. Fisher, D.D., Santa Clara, Cal.; W. H. Wingate, M.D., Haverill, Mass.; Rev. C. R. Hains, D.D., Petersburg, Va.; Bishop Wilson, Ottawa, Canada.

Such testimoniale from such unquestionable sources prove the value of this remedy beyond a doubt. They prove that it is the greatest of all modern medicines for these terrible kidney and liver diseases. What it has done for one it will unquestionably do for others, and, as such, it commends itself most warmly to public confidence.

Warner's Safe Cure, price four shillings and sixpence per large bottle, or four shillings and ninepence, post free, can be obtained from the Great Britain Depôt. 47, Farringdon-street, London, E.C., or from every Chemist, Druggist, or Medicine Vendor in the United Kingdom.

THE

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OF THIS COUNTRY

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INDIGESTION.

Modern Cooking and Modern Living have brought it on. It comes upon us unawares. The patients have pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. They feel dull and sleepy; the mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning. A sort of sticky slime collects about the teeth. The appetite is poor. There is a feeling like a heavy load on the stomach; sometimes a faint all-gone sensation at the pit of the stomach which food does not satisfy. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and feel clammy. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but after a few months it is attended with a greenish-coloured expectoration. The patient feels tired all the while, and sleep does not seem to afford any rest. After a time he becomes nervous, irritable, and gloomy, and has evil forebodings. There is a Giddiness, a sort of whirling sensation in the head when rising up suddenly. The bowels become costive; the skin is dry and hot at times; the blood becomes thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes become tinged with yellow; the kidney secretions become scanty and highly coloured, depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a spitting up of the food, sometimes with a sour taste, and sometimes with a sweetish taste; this is frequently attended with palpitation of the heart and asthmatic symptoms; the vision becomes impaired, with spots before the eyes; there is a feeling of great prostration and weakness. All these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-half of our population has this disease in some of its varied forms. Seigel's Syrup changes the ferments of the Digestive organs so as to convert the food we eat into a form that will give nourishment to the feeble body, and good health is the consequence. The effect of this remedy is simply marvellous. Millions upon millions of bottles have been sold in this country, and the testimonials in favour of its curative powers are overwhelming. Hundreds of so-called diseases under various names are the result of indigestion, and when this one trouble is removed the other diseases vanish, for they are but symptoms of the real malady.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury. Norwood Schools, Southall. 7.30.
Benjamin Franklin.- Percy Hall, 8, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road.
Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger. Coffee Palace, High-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Orange Branch Cong. Sch., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop. St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
South Metropolitan. Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon. 176, Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkie-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood. 32, Benson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCree. 3 Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road. 8.30.
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware-rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, Wyvil-rd., S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Tn., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
William Tewsley. Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth

WEDNESDAY.

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Hanover School-room, York Road-road.
Harringay. Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
Joseph Payne. Christ Church Sch. Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Currey. Sydney Hall, Leader-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior. Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential. The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (nr. Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Sont hwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road School, Clapham-rod.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Longhborough Park, Brixton.
Heart's Content. 69, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15.
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
London Ark of Safety. Hoxton Academy Sch., Hoxton-st. 8.15.
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Meth. School, Wyvahott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street. Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Hollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
West London Pioneer. Royal Standard Coffee Tavern, Beer-street, Edgware-road.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, Pratt-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinboro' Castle Coffee Palace, Rhodeswell-road, E
Grosvenor. Tretotal Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.
Thomas Carlyle. Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorncloe. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st., Islington
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cookesy's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30.
BEDFORD.—Sir W. Harpur. Trinity School-room, Rouse-street.
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine Market Hall Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—British Rose. Templars' Miss. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.).
RADCLIFFE.—Radcliffe. G. T. Hall, Green-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richborough. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge. G. T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms, Co-operative Stores.
FOLKESTONE.—Cæsar's Camp. Cong. Schools, Tontine-street.
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HULL.—Faragon. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. Juv. Temp. 6.
LYDCHESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Mosley, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.). Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
SITTINGBOURNE.—Father Matthew. Crescent st. Sch.-rm. 7.30
WOODFORD.—Alexander. Wilfrid Lawson Temperance Hotel.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brightheimstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CROYDON.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Cherry-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook. National School-room.
GODALMING—Friends. Congregational School-room.
HULL.—Always Active. Lower Union-street Club-room.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum. British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
CHESTER.—Cestrian. Presbyterian Lecture Room, Newgate-st.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
GT YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
HULL.—Union. Templars' Hall, Posterngate. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Sans Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Head in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
SPONDHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edecumbe. Sailors' Welcome.
WINDSOR.—Royal Windsor. Templars Hall, St. Leonard's-road.

FRIDAY.

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Sch. Rm., 8.15
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hoped Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
FOLKESTONE.—Safeguard of Folkestone. Congregational School.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort Club Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge. Ban. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
WINCHESTER.—Itchen Valley. St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
YORK.—Harbour of Friendship. Lendal School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Concille et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chapel School-room, Efiring-ton-street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's, Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Calle Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Elizn-street), Carlton. Monday.

AUSTRALIA (SOUTH).

Grand Lodge of South Australia I.O.G.T.
R. W. G. Lodge of the World.

Members of the Order emigrating to South Australia will please note the address of the G.W.S.—W. W. Wiswood, I.O.G.T. Office Adelaide, S.A.

MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Proesim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
RAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort. Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
COLCHESTER.—Stroughold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp, Wed.
EGYPT.—Lorne. N.W. Block, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. SUPERB, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison. Cairo Restaurant. Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
SHEERNESS.—Nil Excelsior. Wood's Coffee Ho., Mile Ta. Fri.
MALTA.—Shropskire Guiding Star, The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Rodeward Bound, M.13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—Red, White and Blue. I.O.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
PORTSEA.—Nil Desperandum. Cairo Restaurant. Thursday. 7.
H.M.S. NELSON, AUSTRALIA.—Red Cross. Saturday.
WINCHESTER.—Garrison Safeguard. St. Thomas Schl.-rm. Tues. 7

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PRESENTATION.—On the 7th inst., at the Star of Gwent Lodge, Newport, Mon., a beautiful steel engraving, "Worship of Bacchus," which was very nicely framed, was presented to Bro. and Sister Ballam in recognition of their union, and also as a token of the esteem in which they are held by the membership. Bro. Harry Davies, D.S.J.T., made the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks referring especially to the consistent and faithful career of Bro. Ballam during the several years of his connection with the Lodge. Short addresses were also delivered by Bro. E. W. Comley, W.D. Seo.; Bro. C. A. Wallis, D.M. and others.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to notice the following instructions in forwarding items of news:—

No notice will be taken of communications unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

Address, Editor, GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD, 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

T.W.F.—We are making inquiries.

C.W.—Will insert as soon as possible.

ENFIELD.—On Sunday, April 11, a week's Temperance mission for juveniles was inaugurated by addresses being delivered in every Sunday-school in the place.

HIGH LICENCE IN AMERICA.—It is said that over 40 liquor saloons in New Haven, Connecticut, have recently been closed, as the licences have been raised from 50dol. to 200dol., and the Temperance organisations are vigorous.

TO CYCLISTS.—Strength and staying power, with admirable nutritive, flesh forming qualities, are retained in a concentrated form in Cadbory's Cocoa, providing an exhilarating beverage—comforting and sustaining for long or short trips.—[ADVT.]

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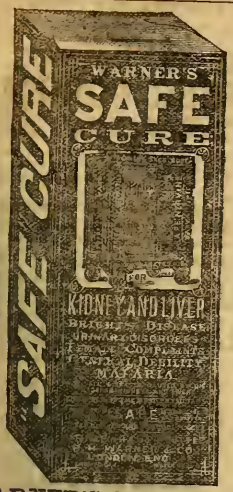

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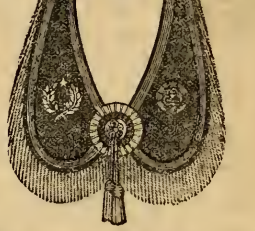

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Surrounded as must necessarily have been each instance with many sad and harrowing circumstances, the case we are about to to dwell upon outshines them all, for not only had the widow to mourn the loss of her husband, and the children their father, but there was also the sad fact that but for the cursed drink he whom they loved so tenderly, and who loved them in return, might still have been alive to care for and protect them. When will the time come when men will learn that their drinking habits are not only dangerous to themselves, but also drag down those who are near and dear to them? But let us tell our story in its "round unvarnished" simplicity, and the moral will reveal itself.

CHAPTER I.

"You won't be late to-night, Joe," said Mary Selman, as her husband hastily swallowed the frugal breakfast provided for him.

"No, lass; I reckon we shall be back about five. I mustn't be late, for I've got my flock o' ewes to see to, when I gets back. Master said I were to go wi' Bill to-day, for the roads 'ull sure to go heavy with this here snow as is comin' on; so I've got to help unload and we shall start off back as soon as ever we can. Dwoan't be afeard, lass, I shall be all right."

And, with a few cheery words, Joe started off to the farm-yard where he found the carter ready with a grand team of four cart horses, and a heavy load of corn behind them, waiting to start for the market town of Devizes. Now there were two ways of getting to Devizes; one by a circuitous turnpike road, and one by a more direct route across the Downs, which latter made a difference of some two or three miles. This was generally chosen by pedestrians, but was not available for heavy vehicular traffic. On the morning when our story opens, the heavens were overspread with thick leaden-coloured clouds, and snow had been falling for some hours with a steady persistence that boded a heavy storm. It was, indeed, partly in consequence of this that the load of corn was got ready that morning, field work being impossible; and as it was hardly advisable that men and horses should remain idle for a whole day, the farmer thought it best to despatch some corn to the stores at Devizes, in readiness for the market. It was no part of Joe's regular work to accompany this load. He was a shepherd, but the flock was safely folded on the Downs, and as he had nothing particular to do that day, his master said he might as well go and lend Bill a hand. Joe was by no means disinclined for a journey of this sort; there was the chance of seeing something fresh—and, if the truth must be told, there was also a chance of his having a drop of the celebrated Devizes ale. For Joe, though in the main a good-hearted fellow, as the saying goes, was rather fond of his glass. True, he did not get very much chance to indulge his appetite, for he had a wife and seven children dependent upon him. There were certain occasions in the year—as for instance lambing time, club feast, harvest home, a wedding, or a journey to Devizes—when there were plenty to treat, or an extra shilling or two to spend. We have said there were seven children; so there were, the eldest just old enough to be earning a shilling or two a week, but the remainder were helpless. At this time, too, Mary was, to use the homely words of Scripture, "great with child"; and it was this, perhaps, which caused her to be a little more than usually anxious about her husband's journey in the snowstorm, and accounted for her anxiety that he should not be late in coming home. A neighbour looked in once or twice during the day, and with that rough sympathy so characteristic of our rural population, tried to cheer her up, and to while away the long tedious hours. Still the snow came noiselessly down, and as the large flakes piled one on another, the earth was covered with a deep white spotless mantle.

Five o'clock came; so did six, but still there was no sign of the returning waggon. The children got too tired at length to wait up any longer, and all except the eldest boy were sent to bed. A dull uneasy feeling prevailed in the house, and, try how she could, Mary Selman could not be at rest. First of all she would try to persuade herself that Joe would remain in the town for the night. Then she thought of the flock, and that hope died away, till at length she sat down almost overpowered by her conflicting feelings. She was aroused by a kindly neighbour looking in to see if Joe was got home yet.

CHAPTER II.

"Well! this is a storm, and no mistake. I think we had better get rid of our load as quick as possible, and see about starting for home," said Bill, as at length they pulled up their smoking team in front of the Royal Oak. "I dwoan't half like the look of this."

"Oh! we shall be all right enough presently," was the answer. "I've a bin out in as bad weather as this afore. Let's go and have a drain o' summat to drink. That 'ol warm us up a bit."

So the pair, after seeing the horses comfortably housed, and in a fair way of doing well, betook themselves to the kitchen, and under the influence of the cheery fire, and a good substantial meal, seemed to forget the outside world for a time. But Bill was anxious to be on the move, and presently succeeded in getting Joe out of his cosy corner; and having unloaded the waggon, and put the horses to, everything was ready for the return journey.

"I tell thee what, Bill, I've got my ewes to see to when I gets home, so I'll go across the Downs. Thee go on round the road with the team, and I shall be home first."

"No, no, man. Thee must be crazy to go across the Downs in this weather. I wouldn't go for a hundred golden sovereigns."

"Nor me, either," chimed in the landlord. "Both of you had better stop here all night,"

"Why, what's the matter with ye all, to-day? Ye all seems to sing to the same tune. Anybody 'ud think you'd never seed a snow-storm before. You do seem afeard ov a bit o' snow. I bean't, and I shall go across the Downs."

"Well, thee allus wast a main stubborn chap, and I s'pose thee must have thee way. *I* wouldn't go, that's all."

"Come and have a drop to keep the cold out before you do start, then," invited the landlord, in mistaken kindness; and Joe, nothing loth, went accordingly, and added two or three others to the potatione he had already imbibed.

After another ineffectual attempt to induce his companion to accompany him, Bill started with the team, and Joe went off in the opposite direction, up through the deserted streets of the town to the road leading to the Downs over which he had to pass. Even here the struggle was terrible, and by the time he had reached the last public-house he would have to pass on his way, he decided that he must have "another drop." And so he did; and after a short rest he got up, and resumed his journey. Leaving the town behind, and setting out on to the high road, he met for the first time the full fury of the storm. He was not altogether unaccustomed to this, and fought his way bravely along, pausing for a minute now and again to let it break before renewing the struggle.

"That's a man getting along up the road to the Downs, isn't it?" asked a butcher of his companion as they were hastily returning to the town, "And as sure as I'm alive, he's drunk!"

"I wouldn't go that way for a trifle to-night," was the response. "Let's offer him a lift back to town."

But the hospitable offer was either unheard or refused, and the butchers, anxious for their own safety, hurried back home, one of them remarking, "You mark my words, we shall hear more of this presently."

Still on and on went the weary pedestrian, and down came the fleecy snow; the wind howled as if in derision at man's feeble efforts against the powers of nature—and Joe Selman was alone on the dreary road.

CHAPTER III.

"Tom, put on your cap, and run over to see if the waggon is got back yet. I feel dreadfully nervous to-night," said Mrs. Selman to her eldest boy, about seven o'clock on the same evening.

In a few minutes Tom came running breathlessly back, followed by Bill, who expressed the utmost astonishment that Joe hadn't got home yet.

"Why, missus, I thought he'd a bin here hours ago. He started off to walk across the Downs, and I came on the roadway with the team. I *have* had a time on't, and no mistake. Soon after I'd a got about half way I very near got lost, and I thought the best thing I could do was to hitch the hosses out and give 'em their own chance of getting home. One pair he got here all right, but t'others he lost; and master and I and some of the men he going out to try and find 'em. We'll go up to the fold and see if Joe's there. He said he were going to see to his flock as he come back."

"Then, God help me, he is lost!" was the agonised cry of the poor creature, as she fell to the ground.

"Here some of you women, look to Joe Selman's wife, will ye?" said Bill, as he ran off to help in the search.

* British Temperance League's "New Year's Tract." May be had from 29, Union-street, Sheffield. Price 1s. 6d. per 100, post free.

"Poor soul, and she so near her time, too," said one of the kindly neighbours, as she proceeded to do what was necessary to help the unfortunate woman. "I'll stay along with her to-night, and belike, in the morning, her man will find his way home."

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Two days afterwards a neighbour looked into the desolate cottage. No tidings had yet found its way thither of the lost shepherd. There was a look on the face of the new comer, however, that betokened news of some sort, and Mary eagerly came forward, saying, "Oh, what is it? I am sure you have some tidings of Joe."

"I am sorry to say I have no *good* news, my poor woman," was the gentle answer.

"But, what is it, tell me please. Has my man been found?"

"God help thee in thy trouble, thy man *has* been found!" was the solemn reply, and there was something in the speaker's manner that told all.

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Yes, Joe Selman *had* been found! But how? Search parties had been organised both in the village and in the town—for ill news flies apace—and every inch of the road examined, but without success. The missing horses, had, indeed, been found, and liberated, none the worse for their exposure; but no trace could be found of the lost shepherd, and it was feared that his body could not be found until a thaw set in. But a party working from the town end went out again, and at length, not a mile from where he had been last seen alive, a halt was made.

"We needn't look any further, mates," said one of the searchers to his companions. "Here's a bad job here."

The party all closed up around, and a shudder passed through all as one stepped forward and turned over the inanimate mass before them. Yes, this was Joe Selman, *covered with three inches of snow!* He had died where he had fallen—not because he had got into a drift, and so perished, but killed by exposure. He had fought his way thus far, and then, overcome by fatigue, had lain down to that sleep from which there is no awaking until the last great day.

We draw a veil over the scene of agony in that little village home, from whence he, the prime of life and vigour, the head of the family had been cut off. Nor is it for us to say drink killed him. We only know this—that he was lured on to his death by a false courage begotten of the drop taken "to keep the cold out"; and we know that to-day the cries of the widow and fatherless go up to the Throne of Grace from hundreds of such broken hearts. And shall not you and I, gentle reader, be nerved to stronger deeds, and greater earnestness of purpose in our warfare against the foul demon who still stalks through our fair land, casting its withering blight on every side, and dragging down to perdition many and many a soul that might have done God service but for the curse of drink? Let us nerve ourselves afresh for the struggle, and in the year just begun it may be our lot to be instrumental in saving more than one soul from the grasp of the tempter. Let us use our opportunities as they are presented to us, and God of His great mercy will give us the increase if we "sow and faint not."

E. L.

The Clergy and the Brewers.—Archdeacon Denison is sorely grieved at some rather strong language which has been used by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh in regard to the brewers, and he feels bound to utter his protest against it. Canon Leigh, speaking at Birmingham on the brewing trade, said: "Yet this trade was recognised and honoured by the country, and the manufacturers of the article obtained prominent positions in the country. There were 20 members of the fraternity in the House of Commons, and that morning he found that another had been elevated to the House of Lords—elevated from the beerage to the peerage. They believed that the trade was a very selfish trade, and that it was the enemy of religion. It was twice cursed; it cursed him that gave and it cursed him that received." This strikes us as being very moderate language, considering the subject, and we are rather surprised that the Canon, who is an ardent Prohibitionist, exercised so much self-restraint. But the Archdeacon characterises Canon Leigh's words as violent, coarse, unjust, and fanatical; and he also chides the Bishop of Ely, who presided, for not calling to order the rev. offender who made this "gratuitous, unjust, and slanderous attack on brewers as a class." One might almost imagine that the Archdeacon was a member of this class himself.—*Christian Commonwealth.*

The *Boston Travellers* saw the largest invoice of New England rum ever shipped from the United States. And, worse on worse, it was bound for Africa—150,000 gallons. Enough, as *Gospel in all Lands* well says, to make a million men deadly drunk."

Bro. Rosnottom is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[Advt.]

How to Buy the G. L. Offices.—Bro. A. C. Townsend, of Aston, Birmingham, suggests the following plan to realise the above happy result. Says Bro. T. "We have 75,000 members (adult), each member contributing 1s. in the course of the next *six months*, which to our poorer brethren will only mean 2d. per month, the sum is only a mere initiation fee. The result of such a general call would be £3,750. I know some may refuse, or not get reached, or make an excuse, but such gaps would be more than made up by our richer brethren who would gladly contribute their guineas. By the editor's aid, by a special circular from G.W.C.T. to every Lodge shewing the marvellous result of 1s. only getting such substantial premises *our own* and that canker about Dr. and Cr. dispelled from G.L. Session once righted and started with a nucleus on the right side, good business men should be appointed to see no screw goes loose again." In order that this plan may have the benefit of the full resources of the Order, our correspondent further suggests "that all collections for Home and Negro Mission Fund cease until this vital matter is cleared."

The Middle Classes and Templary.—A question of great importance has been opened up by our G.W.C.T. with regard to the retention of members of the middle class of society in our Order, and extension in that class. I much admire the courage of our leader in attacking this difficult, and, in some quarters, most unpopular question, for such a subject is sure to be misunderstood by some persons, as an attempt to encourage "caste," and to create class distinctions in our Order. We may argue that all men are equal, and in some most vital respects this is true; but we do also feel, and in our inner consciousness believe, that social differences must exist, which it is no part of our mission to combat, but which may, if rightly approached, be used to aid our great Temperance reform. To use these social differences to aid our work, is not the introduction of any new principle, or the destruction of any rule which now exists, but is simply to carry out, in a methodical and rational manner, the motive which has influenced, and is now influencing our Lodges everywhere to obtain men of social position to be chairmen of public meetings, &c., &c., and if we accept such aid from men who are not abstainers, because of their acknowledged social superiority, we are illogical if we oppose any scheme which will give us the constant and consistent aid of such men as members with us. To my mind the one, and only difficulty, is that of *Jealousy*. If we are to solve this question, we must face the fact that persons of different social circles have different habits, different modes of thought, and different forms of speech, and that the thing which will interest the professional man or well-educated tradesman, will, in many cases, be of no interest and tiresome, to the labouring man, and *vice versâ*. Now, while some do not study their own enjoyment, but the public good; experience teaches us that they are the few, and that the majority will follow inclination, and I am of opinion that we may add to our strength, and do good service to our cause, by encouraging the formation of what I will term "Home" Lodges, which could take the place occupied by the "drawing-room" meetings of kindred societies. These "Home" Lodges would be a constant source of strength to the more general Lodges, and would draw persons into the Order who will not now join us, or if we do get them to join, it is only to leave us again at the first convenient opportunity. Of course these "Home" Lodges would use the same kind of rituals, and conduct the formal part of their business in the same manner as other Lodges, but as they would meet in private houses, they probably would not be able to receive visitors except by arrangement, or on special occasions. I have given a good deal of thought to this question, and have been advised to put my theory in practice, but I should first like to get at the opinions of others who have thought on the subject.—W. H. Walford, D.C.T. (Bucks).

Food Adulteration.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homœopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." Cadbury's Cocoa is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[Advt.]

A GOOD TEMPLAR.

A man may be a Templar and not a Good Templar. If he merely keeps his pledge and does nothing else to advance the Order he is a Templar, not a Good Templar. If he is profane of speech, violent of temper, and disposed to slander his neighbours, he may be a Templar, but is not a Good Templar. If he annoys his brothers and sisters in the Lode-room he is a Templar, but not a Good Templar. If he cheats in trade, tramples upon his contracts, and is unscrupulous in word or deed, he may be a Templar but not a Good Templar. If he cares more for himself than he does for the organisation to which he belongs, he is a Templar, but not a Good Templar. A Good Templar must be a good man, a gentleman, a man who is gentle, a man who loves his neighbour as he loves himself, a man a woman can trust and a child can kiss, a man who will not speak ill of you when your back is turned, a man who will not be your friend with friends and an enemy with your enemies—you can trust him with open letters or with sealed packages, with your signature and your bank book. A Good Templar should combine the conscience of a Christian with the chivalry of a soldier. He should never lower his colours in the face of the foe.

Complimentary Dinners, Social Teas, Conferences, Evening Meetings of Companies or Societies, on reasonable terms, at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, London, E.C., opposite Ludgate Hill Station. Strictly Temperance principles.

Poole Perjury Case.—A large public meeting was held on Monday evening last, under the auspices of the Marylebone Temperance Federation, in the Trinity Rooms, Crawford-street, London, W., "to consider the Poole Perjury (?) Case." The Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh presided, and Bros. John Kempster, G.E.S., and Alderman J. J. Norton, of Poole, gave addresses. A resolution was unanimously adopted authorising the chairman to sign and present a memorial to the Home Secretary asking the clemency of the Crown for Henry Williams and urging his immediate release.

Band of Hope and Juvenile Temple Choir Contest.—On Wednesday evening, April 7, a large audience assembled in the Drill Hall, Kingston-on-Thames, to witness a contest between seven choirs selected from the various Bands of Hope in Kingston. Mr. W. R. Selway presided. The president of the united Bands of Hope, the Rev. A. Cornford, was the instigator of the contest, and he very kindly offered for competition a handsome silk banner, which was to become the property of the best choir. The committee supplemented this gift by providing three sets of badges for the three best choirs, and a badge for each child in the choir. The committee selected one piece, "Let the hills resound," which had to be sung by each choir, and each conductor was allowed to choose one additional piece. The judges of the singing were Mr. Bonner, of London; Mr. Boniwell, of Surbiton; and Mr. Brandram, of Richmond. The competing choirs were the Juvenile Templars, conductor, Bro. C. J. Parker; St. Peter's, Norbiton, conductor, Mr. W. Holt; Union-street Baptist, conductor, Mr. Percy Summers; St. James'-road Wesleyan, conductor, Mr. A. Humphries; St. Luke's, conductor, Mr. J. Gridley; St. Paul's, Kingston Hill, conductor, Mr. John Smithers; and the Bunyan Baptist, Queen Elizabeth-road, conductor, Mr. Creasey. A special gallery was erected for the occasion, running across one end of the hall, and capable of accommodating 1,000 children. The contest was a most interesting one throughout, and all the choirs acquitted themselves meritoriously in the pieces selected by their own conductors. The banner was awarded to the St. Luke's choir, the second prize was taken by the St. Paul's choir, and the third prize was carried off by the Juvenile Templars.

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[Advt.]

Importance of Washing at Home.—This can be done with ease and economy and the clothes made beautifully sweet, wholesome, lily-white, and fresh as sea breezes, by using Hudson's Extract of Soap, avoiding all risk of contagion with infected clothes at Laundries, or where the washing is put out. No fraying of the clothes as hard rubbing, scrubbing, brushing, or straining is unnecessary. No rotting of the clothes as when bleaching chemicals are used. The Dirt slips away, and wear and tear, labour and fuel are saved. Hudson's Extract of Soap is a pure Dry Soap, in fine powder, rapidly soluble, lathers freely, softens water. A perfect Hard-water Soap, a Cold-water Soap, a Soft-water Soap, a Hot-water Soap. Unrivalled as a purifying agent. Sold Everywhere, in Packets, One Penny and upwards.—[Advt.]

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL SESSION

NEWPORT, MON., 1886.

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of England

WILL BE HELD IN THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, STOW HILL, NEWPORT, MON., COMMENCING ON

EASTER MONDAY, April 26, 1886.

Qualifications for Grand Lodge Degree.—(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms. (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members three years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges, or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only such of these who have not forfeited their Degrees or their qualifying titles, by expulsion, withdrawal from the Order, or violation of pledge, are eligible for entry on this Credential.

The following arrangements for the Session have been made:

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1886.

7.0 p.m. Juvenile Templar Demonstration at the Royal Albert Hall, Stow Hill. Choir of 400 voices.

EASTER SUNDAY.

2.30 p.m. Official Sermon in the Town Hall, by Rev. Joseph Aston, G.W. Chaplain.

EASTER MONDAY (Royal Albert Hall, Stow Hill).

11.30 a.m. Credential Committee will sit till 2.30 in Credential Committee Room, Royal Albert Hall.

2.0 p.m. Grand Lodge Members admitted. Royal Albert Hall.

2.30 Grand Lodge Session opened in G.L. Degree. Roll of officers called.

2.45 Candidates for Grand Lodge Degree admitted.

3.0 Grand Lodge Degree conferred. Officers' reports presented; Committees appointed, and order of procedure decided.

4.0 Reception of delegates from kindred societies.

4.30 Adjournment.

4 and 5 A public tea will be held in the Tabernacle School-room, Dock-street.

7.30. Public reception meeting. Royal Albert Hall.

TUESDAY (Town Hall).

7.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.

8.0 Credential Committee will sit till 9 o'clock in the Credential Committee Room, Town Hall, Dock-street.

9.0 Session re-opens in G.L. Degree. Additional Candidates initiated.

10.0 Roll of Representatives called. Business proceeded with.

1 p.m. Adjournment.

2.30 Session re-opens in Third Degree.

6.30 Adjournment.

7.30—8 Conferences of Political Action and Juvenile Templars, and Committee Meetings.

WEDNESDAY.

7.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street

9.0 Session re-opens in Third Degree.

1 p.m Adjournment.

2.30 Session re-opens.

6.0 Adjournment.

7.30 Session re-opens. Adjourns at 9.30.

THURSDAY.

7.0 a.m. Preston Club Re-union Breakfast. Association-room, Hill-street.

7.30 Prayer Meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.

9.0 Session re-opens in Grand Lodge Degree for installation of officers.

1 p.m. Adjournment.

2.30 Session re-opens in Subordinate Degree.

6.0 Adjournment.

7.30 Session re-opens. Adjourns at 9.30.

FRIDAY.

7.30 a.m. Prayer meeting in Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Commercial-street.

9.0 Session re-opens in Grand Lodge Degree, and closes at 9.30 p.m. in that Degree.

Entrance.—*No Grand Lodge member or candidate* can enter the session without first presenting a ticket or credential to the Credential Committee for endorsement.

Representatives.—Reps. will have to present their credentials to the Credential Committee who will exchange them for a ticket.

G.L. Members' Certificates.—All those already possessing the Grand Lodge Degree, not being representatives, must present a certificate signed by the W.C.T. and W.S. of their ordinary Lodge. The G.W. Secretary will supply certificates on application through the L.D.

Candidates' Credentials.—*All Candidates* for the Grand Lodge Degree, not being representatives, must present credentials signed by the W.C.T. and W.S. of their ordinary Lodge. The G.W. Secretary will supply credentials on application from the L.D.

Seats.—After Monday, representatives will sit together according to their Districts, the places being previously fixed by ballot, under the direction of the Reception Committee. The number of the seats, with the names of the Districts, will be exhibited on the first day of the session. Should a regular representative fail to be in his place at Grand Lodge immediately after the roll of representatives is called, the highest alternative present can claim the seat for the session, when the Credential Committee shall consult the co-representatives present and report the facts. On a seat being once allowed to either representative or alternate it cannot be afterwards occupied by the other during the same session.

Absence Without Leave.—Any representative leaving the session without permission may be disqualified from participating in the mileage fund.

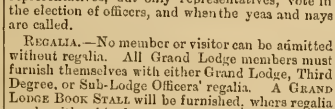
Voting Power.—The voting power is confined to its officers, past officers, representatives, and past representatives, but only representatives, vote in the election of officers, and when the yeas and nays are called.

Regalia.—No member or visitor can be admitted without regalia. All Grand Lodge members must furnish themselves with either Grand Lodge, Third Degree, or Sub-Lodge Officers' regalia. A Grand Lodge Book Stall will be furnished, where regalia can be either hired or purchased.

Lodgings. — Applications for accommodation should be sent to Bro. W. Jones, 14, Arthur-street, Newport, Mon. Applicants should state whether they are representatives or not.

Train Accommodation.—The railway authorities refuse to make national concessions. Local members may approach the authorities with a view to the reduction of fares.

(Signed) John B. Collings,
(Hon.) G.W. Sec.



Good Templary in Sweden.

On the other hand two powerful popular movements have been extending throughout all Scandinavia, one of which has been an undeniable blessing for the nations. . . .

We mean the Temperance movement, as represented by the Good Templar Order, obliging its members to totally abstain from all spirituous liquors. . . .

The Good Templar Order has been imported from England and America, and has extended rapidly over all Scandinavia, principally, however, in Sweden, both in town and country. It is not too much to estimate the number of Temperance men to the figure of 200,000, mostly to be found among the working classes. They have raised themselves to a good economical standing, and the majority of them are voters. Political questions, although not on the programme of the Good Templars, have of late begun to call for their attention and they have everywhere sided with the Liberal opinions. The Liberal faction has by this got an immense help, for the Temperance men may be regarded as the cream of the people, which by its moral strength, its industry and ability, wields a great influence over the numerous classes of society to which it belongs. —*Scandinavian Review.*

"TRUSTING TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS."

The licensed victuallers of Northampton have been seeking advice on the important matter of trade protection, and they have got one response that doubtless is not very palatable. The secretary of the Birmingham "Trade" Association replied that, in their opinion, teetotalers were so strong in the House of Commons that it would be unavailing to resist them, and that they had decided to "trust to the House of Lords." We admire the candour of this secretary, but we cannot admire his discretion. Never was a more fatal admission made in any controversy. In effect the Birmingham Association says, "We have fought out the question on the hustings, we have held meetings, we have interviewed candidates, and we have distributed leaflets, but it is all to no purpose. The People have decided against us, and we must now 'trust to the House of Lords,' confident that there we shall find comfort and sympathy." Doubtless many of the peers would like to postpone the settlement of this question, but the Upper Chamber, we venture to predict, will not dare to oppose the popular voice on a question of such supreme importance as this. There is a stronger and healthier Temperance sentiment in the House of Commons than at any previous time, and with the Irish problem solved, the licensing question must speedily come to the front. We do not grudge the victuallers their latest crumb of comfort. They can "trust to the House of Lords,"—we will trust to the will of the nation, as expressed at the polling booth.

OBITUARY.

Bro Isaac Schofield.—A fatal accident happened on Monday, the 12th inst., to Bro. Isaac Schofield, a member of the Duchess of Lancaster Lodge, 595. Our brother was 41 years of age, and was a clicker on the Midland Railway at Lancaster, and was at the time affixing a label on a waggon he had superintended the loading of, but how he got under the wheels there was no evidence at the inquest to shew. Our brother leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss. He was an active and earnest Good Templar, and one of the promoters of the Lancaster branch of the Railway Temperance Union. His wife has for years been a member of the Order, and both were much respected. A large gathering of Good Templars and others attended the funeral on Saturday, April 17, in the Lancaster Cemetery.

Sister Gourley, Belfast.—It is with sincere regret that we announce the death on April 6, of Sister Gourley, of the Star of Erin Lodge, Belfast. The deceased was an earnest and energetic member of that Lodge for some time past, ever ready to do all in her power for the good of the Lodge, or to help any of the members. Her remains were interred on April 8, at Carnmoney burying ground, a good many members of the Lodge following. At the Lodge on Friday there were rosettes of black ribbon on the regalia, and instead of the usual programme, sacred songs and solos were sung and appropriate addresses given. This is the first member this Lodge has lost by death since its re-organisation in 1883.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Castleford.—At this town the Temperance cause is progressing, the Order having again planted its foot, we believe, on a sure foundation. At present all the different Boards, namely, the School Board, Local Board, and Burial Board, being represented fully by four-fifths of staunch teetotalers; Bro. C. T. Fawbert, of Come and Welcome, heading the poll at the last election of the latter.

Barrow-in-Furness.—We have had two elections in the same week—a Parliamentary on the 6th, when a great victory for our principles was secured in the return of Mr. W. S. Caine; on the following day the Guardian triennial election took place, when Bro. S. Swindlehurst, D.E.S., was re-elected, having served in the above capacity for nine years.

New Mills.—Bro. Joseph Cooper (better known as the Derbyshire poet), who is a member of the Machester City Lodge, has been elected a member of the Board of Guardians and Local Board of New Mills, Derbyshire.

Brighton.—Bro. Major S. Williams (D.C.T. Sussex), and Bro. H. Saunders were both returned by substantial majorities to the Board of Guardians, as were Mrs. M. Haycraft and Miss C. Bigg, who are favourable to Temperance principles.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—April 15.

THE BUDGET.

We reproduce from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement the following passages as affecting the Temperance cause; the more striking parts are printed in bolder type.

"The House will probably like to know the causes of the diminution in the Customs receipts . . . . Upon foreign spirits there is a total loss of £58,000. On foreign brandy there is a loss of £129,000, but there is a gain on other spirits, principally German spirits of £70,000, thus making the total loss £58,000. On wine there is a loss of £77,000. Tea is £200,000 less than the estimate, and that is considerably due to the great anticipation that took place in the tea duties at the end of the financial year 1885 in consequence of an expected change of taxation. This difference was not in the estimate sufficiently allowed for, but the actual yield for the two years is considerably above that of the year 1883-4, which was £4,270,000. Therefore there has been no actual fall upon tea. Tobacco has yielded £84,000 more than the estimate. Now as to the inland revenue, and I will speak first of the Excise. The Excise receipts in 1884-5 were £26,600,000, and the estimate for last year was £26,350,000. The actual receipts were only £25 460,000, and that is less than the estimate by £889,000, or £1,140,000 less than the receipts of the previous year. This is a very important matter as affecting the revenue, though at the same time it has another bearing. **The decline is mainly due to the lesssened consumption of drink.** (Hear, hear.) The receipts on alcoholic revenue in the Excise and Customs were in 1885-6 below the receipts of 1884-5 by £1,000,000. Wine is below the estimate of 1885-6 by £77,000, and below the estimate for 1884-5 £40,000. Beer is below the estimate of 1885-6 £95,000, and below the estimate of 1884-5 £140,000; and the total alcoholic revenue loss is £971.000 upon last year; and below the estimates for the present year, £1,179,000. . . . There is a considerable diminution in the Customs, and a great deal in the Excise. That diminution has, of course, been recouped in other items. A striking feature is the great falling off in the alcoholic revenue in that period. (Hear.) In 1875-6 the revenue derived from wine, beer, and spirits was : wine, £1,753,000 ; beer, £8,161,000 ; foreign spirits, £6,141 000 ; home-made spirits, £15,154,000—total, £31,209,000. The population in 1875-6 was 32,749,000, and therefore the contribution of the wine, beer, and spirit revenue was 19s. 1d. per head of the population. The population in 1885-6 was 36 325,000 ; and if they had consumed as much beer, &c., per head the revenue would have yielded on those articles in the last financial year, at the rate of 19s. 1d., the sum of £34,660,000 ; but it actually yielded £26,830,000. (Hear, hear.) Wine stood at £1,225,000 ; beer, £8 405,000 ; foreign spirits, £4,100,000 ; Excise spirits, £13,100,000 ; therefore, the alcoholic revenue is less by £7,830,000 than it would have been if the consumption had been at the same rate per head. The actual diminution from the alcoholic revenue is about £4,500.000 in the period of 11 years. The decline last year was the largest ever known—that is £1,179,000. There is no doubt that a great deal of that decrease is due to the change in the habits of the people.** (Cheers.) There is, I hope, a great change in the voluntary Temperance of the people—(hear, hear)—and there is a good deal, I am told by the Inland Revenue, in involuntary Temperance—(hear, hear,)—and that the trade use a great deal more water than formerly. Although we do not drink ourselves out of our difficulties, as Lord Derby said we did in the case of the Alabama claims, the alcoholic consumption of the people is higher still at this time than it was in the years 1860-65. I do not use these figures as to diminution of alcoholic revenue as shewing that there is any decrease in the consuming power of the people. The revenue stands upon other heads at the same figure as it did before, and the loss from alcohol has therefore been recouped from other sources. The revenue from dried fruits, tea, and tobacco is higher by £2,150,000 compared with the former period. Of that, however, about £500,000 has been produced by the increase of the tobacco duty. If you look at these import duties you will find that while there has been a great diminution in the consumption of alcohol there has been an enormous increase in what may be called the other comforts of life—in, for instance, bacon and hams, oranges and lemons. There is another serious diminution in the apparent resources of the country. Let me also refer to another circumstance which is also satisfactory. **If the people are drinking less spirits they are saving more money.** In 1875 the savings in the Post Office Savings Banks were £67,576 000, and the saving per head of the population was £2 1s. 3d. **In 1885, after these years of depression, the savings increased to £94,156.000.** (Cheers.) Those banks have also invested for deposits £3.150,000, making a total of £97,306,000, or a saving per head of the population in the last year as compared with that of 11 years previously of £2 13s. 6d. per head as against £2 1s. 3d. (Hear, hear.) **Therefore, as regards revenue, we find that in 10 years there has been a loss of £4,500,000 on alcohol,** and an increase of other taxes, exclusive of income-tax, of £1,260,000. There has been £3,300,000 recouped by natural growth of the revenue to meet the loss on alcohol."

In giving his figures for 1886-7, the Chancellor observed :—The Customs we take at the same sum as the actual receipts for last year ; we take a decrease upon spirits of £335,000, and an increase upon wine of £27,000. We estimate an increase upon tea of £212,000, and upon tobacco of £55,000. As to the Excise, we estimate an increase of £45,000 upon beer, and of £240,000 upon spirits, making altogether £285,000, which just balances the estimated loss on the spirits in the customs. . . . . I cannot undertake any serious remission of taxes, but there is one small thing that has been pressed upon me, and that I am glad to be able to remedy. I have been persuaded to give relief to the cottage brewers from the small tax of 4s. for licence to brew which has been imposed upon them. It stood originally at 6s., but last year it was reduced by the right hon. gentleman opposite to 4s. It is represented to me that to these people—I am confining myself to the houses of cottagers that are under £8 a year rent—it will be a great advantage to be able to brew in their own houses, and great care will be taken that the beer duties shall not be impared. I have inquired, and I think that I can remove this duty upon houses that are under £8 rent. The revenue loss it is estimated by this will not be more than £16 000, but it will afford relief to a great number of persons [estimated at 80,000 persons] . . . . . **The fall in the alcoholic revenue is great and a continued increase in the expenditure of the country has led to an increase and not a decrease of taxation. It is no longer our revenue but our expenditure that increases 'by leaps and bounds,' and if you want reduction of taxation you must go back not to drink but to economy."**

In the debate which followed,

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said :—No one could be surprised at the difference which had occurred in the revenue from customs and excise, looking to the circumstances of the times. The Chancellor told them the falling-off in the beer revenue was £90,000 more than the estimate, and in spirits £709,000 more than the estimate ; and he attributed it to the more temperate habits on the part of the people, and also to the prevalence on the part of the people of a habit of expending their money in other ways. But the Chancellor admitted to mention one great cause of the falling off, which was in no small degree due to the disturbing influence of trade by the proposals last year to increase the duties on spirits and beer. (Hear, hear.) There was no doubt whatever, that when the brewers found there was to be a call made upon them for increased duty they watered the beer. (A laugh.) With regard to spirits, the same kind of observation would apply. The dealers found they could do with smaller stocks, and they had not since raised those stocks. The proposal of the late Liberal Chancellor of the Exchequer to increase the duties on beer and spirits was financially unsound. The result of the finance of the past year had been to shew how singularly deficient in financial foresight the right hon. gentleman (Mr.Childers) was when he made the proposal which was rejected by the House last session. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had that evening made a sanguine estimate of the receipts for the coming year. He estimated the receipts from excise at £250,000 more than was actually received during the past year, and anticipated a small decrease in respect of customs. All he (Sir M. Hicks-Beach) could say was that that seemed to him, having regard to the enormous decrease on spirits and beer during the past year, to be an estimate of a very sanguine character indeed.

Mr. Childers said the right hon.gentleman (Sir M. Hicks-Beach) had, without notice, departed from the usual practice and made a most elaborate attack upon him. He understood the complaint to be that last year he did not estimate correctly what the position of the spirit and beer and generally the alcoholic liquor taxation was, and that he made some great mistake, for which his right hon. friend was suffering. The right hon. gentleman specially complained of the falling off of the receipts from liquor as being something which he ought to have explained to the House. He would remind the House of what he said last year when he proposed an increase of the duty on spirits and beer. He did not say, and in fact he said just the reverse, that they might expect to have the same amount of spirits and beer consumed as would have been consumed under the former tax. On the contrary, he said he assumed that if the budget of last year had been accepted there would have been a falling off in the consumption of spirits of something like between two and a half and three million gallons. He expressly stated that there must be a very large falling off in the revenue, and he said the same in respect to beer. He never dreamt of stating to the House that under the changed rate of duty there would be the same amount of consumption as there would have been if the duty were not changed. Well, the increase of duty was rejected by Parliament, upon the motion of the right hon. gentleman, and the disturbance which that occasioned in the trade undoubtedly led to a great diminution in the consumption. No one deplored the disturbance more than he did, but from the day the Government were defeated with regard to their budget proposals it was quite clear that the amount of duty on beer and spirits would not be equal to the amount estimated by himself under his increased duty. If anyone had made a mistake it was the right hon. gentleman himself, because he, in his second budget, distinctly stated that he expected to receive on customs and excise as much as under the original budget. If anyone was to blame in the matter he certainly was not, as it was the dislocation which followed the rejection of his budget which led to a large amount of diminution in the amount of duty received.

Mr. Jasper More was thankful for the concession made to the humble brewers. He thought the labourers would consider this boon as the first direct result of their representation in this House. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Staveley Hill, while congratulating the Chancellor on a common-sense budget, regretted that nothing was done to take the duty off tea and coffee. They ought to tax articles of luxury brought into this country.

A TEMPERANCE JUBILEE.

On Wednesday evening, April 7, a meeting of an entirely novel character as regards the County of Wilts was held at Trowbridge, the occasion being the celebration of the tectotal jubilee of Mr. John Smith, a well-known and highly-esteemed worker in the cause of sobriety. The occasion was felt to be of no ordinary nature, and the assemblage of friends from three counties, and one from Demerara, testified to the great esteem and respect entertained towards the veteran abstainer, whose work they were met to acknowledge. Conspicuous on the walls of the building was the banner belonging to the Trowbridge Temperance Society, bearing date 1839, and looking as though it had seen better days ; whilst in the centre of the room stood a huge jubilee cake, with the motto, worked in sugar, "God bless the Temperance cause." On the platform were seated representatives from all parts of the county, and a good choir enlivened the proceedings. Mr. H. Saiosbury presided, and referred to Mr. Smith's past life, as giving the lie to the assertion sometimes made use of that the old Temperance advocates had not much Christianity about them.

Mr. Batchelor followed with an earnest address, and presented a Bible and illuminated address on behalf of the Temperance workers at Trowbridge. The Bible had a massive silver plate, on which was engraved a suitable inscription. The address was beautifully engrossed by Mr. Joseph Silcox, one of Mr. Smith's "teetotal children," and framed by Messrs. Legg, as a work of love. Bro. E. Laver and Bro. W. H. Titcombe then presented a splendidly illuminated address on behalf of the Good Templars of Wiltshire.

Mr. Smith feelingly responded, and made some deeply-interesting remarks on his past connection with the cause, urging those who were still young to work zealously for the promotion of the principles of total abstinence. Mr. Rodway, of Durham, and others having spoken in congratulatory terms, an exceedingly interesting evening was brought to a close by a coffee supper and the distribution of the "jubilee cake."

Well got rid of.—Captain Boyton, the famous swimmer, a year or two ago opened a restaurant and saloon in New York. A change having come over his opinions, he has just relinquished the business, which was well patronised, and sold the furniture and fittings. At the conclusion of the sale Captain Boyton said :—"Gentlemen, I thank you for helping me to leave a business that I have felt to be a curse upon me ever since I entered it. I would rather cultivate bricks than touch the gin trade again."

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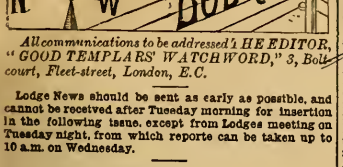

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METROPOLITAN.

Loughborough Junction.—"William Tweedie." April 14. Two initiated. Paper by Bro. Jeater, "It is Useless, Dangerous, and Ought to be Abolished." Discussion followed.

Battersea Park-road.—"John Bunyan." April 15. Two initiated. Bro. T. C. Macrow presided. Lodge officered and entertained by brothers. Short address by Bro. T. C. Macrow. Songs, Bros. Greenwood, Lovely, Reid, J. Hooper; reading by Bro. Richard. D.L. report read and adopted. Several visitors present.

Southwark.—"The Mint." April 14. Three initiated. The L.D. presided in the absence of the W.C.T., through illness. The claim on our membership on behalf of the Temperance and Good Templar Orphanage was heartily responded to. Five members consented to act as collectors for the same. The members adopted a resolution in favour of the Banner Fund. It was announced that the Help-One-Another Society would give an entertainment in aid of the Orphanage.

Clapham-road.—"General Garfield." April 15. One initiated; one received on c.c.; and one restored. Large attendance. Lodge working well.

Chelsea.—"Margaret McCurrey." April 7. Visit from the Putney Emanuel Lodge, who entertained with songs, recitations, readings, and duets by Bros. Taylor, Knox, Denby, Leigh, and Whiting; Sisters M. Smith, Parker, Walder and Hill; refreshments provided. WATCHWORDS sold.—April 14. Temperance Experience, Bro. Welfare presiding; Bro. Ramsden gave an interesting address; two proposed; pleasant session.

New Cut.—"George Thornelee." April 17. One candidate initiated and one admitted on c.c. About 22 persons have joined during the present quarter. Visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., who presided. As usual, there was a crowded attendance. A very animated session.

Dulwich.—"Desirous." April 15. Prayer and praise conducted by Bro. Webb, P.S; Sister Hookway presided at pianoforte; Sister Price and Bro. Price sang a sacred duet; solos by Sister Colins, Smith, and Bro. Rudell. Sister Cooper presented the Lodge with a very useful teapot; very pleasant evening was spent.

Wandsworth-common.—"St. John's Hill." April 13. Most interesting session, being a visit from the Juvenile Temple, the members of which rendered a first-class selection of songs and recitations, several also taking part by addressing the children. This Lodge is making a fresh start, which seems like'y to succeed, while the Temple is now stronger than ever it has been. By the kindness of several members the children, to the number of 40, were entertained to fruit and cakes.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." April 6. Pound night, Bro. Le Sage, V.D., presiding. Election of Good of the Order Committee, a keen contest; a large number of parcels were disposed of, to the augmentation of the Lodge funds.

Clapton Park.—"Clapton Park." April 9. Roll call; question box, which contained a number of interesting questions answered by the members and visitors; very pleasant session: WATCHWORDS sold.

Hampstead.—"Gratitude." April 12. Public meeting presided over by Bro. Barnes, W.C.T.; experiments in thought-reading given by Mr. Blake; songs, and recitations were contributed by Miss Ison, Bros. Barnes, Williams, Cruttwell and Cornish; a very pleasant evening; several names given in for membership.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." April 16. Discussion on where to go for our annual excursion"; Lord Ebury's Park, Rickmansworth, selected. Bro. McAllister re-elected L.D.; Bro. Thomas, L.E.S.; two initiated.

Harrow Green.—"Hope of Leytonstone." March 2. Tea and concert by the Fillebrook Choir, assisted by Sisters Enever and Tillett; address by Bro. Fisk, G.L.L.; chairman, Bro. Tompkins.—March 16. Paper by Bro. Carter on "Popular Amusements," discussed by Bro. Crump, Enever, Burrell, L.D., Oxlade, and Tompkins.—April 6. Paper by Bro. Crump, "Fire Brigades, Ancient and Modern, by one ex-Fireman."—April 13. Sisters officered and entertained in their usual good style.

Tottenham.—"High Cross" April 13. Quarterly tea and public meeting in Mission Hall Training Hospital, chairman, Bro. Robinson, P.D.E.D. (Berkshire). Songs, &c., by Sisters Hurdley and Padley, Bros. Hughes and Clarke, and Master Dobson (of Highgate). Addresses by Bros. Ryder, Hurdley, D.E.D. (Berkshire, The Surrey), Howe, Eastwell (Sons of Phœnix), and others. Good number present, there being representatives of all the Lodges in the neighbourhood, and both Orders of the Phœnix.

Chelsea.—"Queen's Messenger." April 9. Two received on c.c. A committee was appointed to arrange an excursion in June. Sister Cowdrey regaled the members and visitors with refreshments, as it was her birthday. Songs by Bros. G. Underwood, J. Williams, Sister Grisenthwaite. Good attendance. WATCHWORDS sold.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." April 12. A number of the members occupied the platform at the Mission Hall, Station-road, Highbury, in connection with Dr. Allan's Chapel. The meeting was a very large one, and proved a great success. Bro. Goddard presided, and a good programme was given. Bros. H. Ansell and Hazelgrove gave addresses.—April 17. A very successful open Lodge and public entertainment; the Cornellia-street Mission choir attended. Bro. Hazelgrove presided, and Mr. Western very ably conducted. The singers and recitors all acquitted themselves in an excellent manner.

Kennington.—"G. W. Johnson." March 27. Adjourned discussion as to formation of Degree Temple. Resolved that Temple be started. Committee formed to carry resolution into effect.—April 3. Public entertainment. Good audience, and capital programme well carried out.—April 10. "Our married couples' night." Married members officered the Lodge, the chair being taken by Bro. Pickford, L.D., and a programme of songs, recitations, &c., interspersed with short addresses of sound advice to those contemplating matrimony, was well sustained.—April 17. "Reunion meeting." Lodge session was held up to 8.45, during which Bro. Pickford was re-elected L.D. and Bro. Peacock elected L.E.S. Two candidates then thrown open. The chair was taken by Bro. Webber, V.D., who gave a very interesting address, followed by songs by Sister Langworthy and Bro. Stride, and an address by Mr. Benson, a former member of the Lodge.

Poplar.—"Corner Stone." April 17. Public meeting. Limpet J.T. under direction of Bro. Thomas, S.J.T., and Sister Hill, A.S.J.T., Bro. Heal, V.S.J.T., presiding. Recitations by Bros. Price, Bartlett, Shearman and Sisters Ford, Edwards, Harris, M. A. Smith and Carter. Songs, Sisters Shearman, Williams, King, and Bro. A. Shearman. The programme was well carried out. At the close refreshments were handed to the juveniles through the kindness of Bro. Heal.

Mouch End.—"Harringay." April 7. Public entertainment and exhibition of curiosities. Readings, recitations, and songs with piano and violin accompaniment. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. Room full.—April 8. Visited and entertained Mizpah Lodge.—April 14. Visited and entertained by Finsbury Progress.

Poplar.—"Christian Bethel." April 15. Discussion on declension of Order in No. 8 Sub-District. Bro. Raine, W.C. Chap., presided. The following took part in discussion, which was opened by Bros. Raine, Bros. Moloney, W.D.S.; Jones, V.D.; Heal, V.S.J.T., Sister Hill, L.D. (Corner Stone), Bro. Ridd, W.S.; Bro. Grigsby, Bro. Thomas, S.J. T., and others.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." April 15. Report of D.L. Reps. read and adopted; arrangements made to visit a weak Lodge; programme of the evening, brothers to officer and entertain, the youngest in the chair, Bro. Pellatt taking that position; Bros. Robson, Gordon, Pellatt, and Elias Marshall assisting in programme; pleasant evening.

Kentish Town.—"Regina." April 19. Bro. Scarborough, W.C.T. Recommendation of officers:—L.D., Bro. Wharton; L.E.S., Bro. Ramsden, jun. Election of officers next week. Bro. G. Frost; W.V.T., Sister Tapper; W.T., Bro. Wharton. Bro. G. Frost, D.L. Rep., gave a report of the special session in regard to the division. One proposed; one on c.c. Officers' reports read and adopted. Large attendance.

Camden Town.—"Angel of Mercy." April 9. One initiated; two re-admitted; and two admitted on c.c. D.V.T. and D.A.S. present. Bro. Clarke a few encouraging words. The programme, "Bro. Sherwin's Night," was ably carried out. Bro. Sherwin, P.W.C.T., entertained with his microscope, assisted by Bro. Ward's fine art gallery, which realised 13s. towards furniture fund.—April 16. Good session. Election of L.D. and L.E.S. Sister Shipman was re-elected L.D., and Bro. Wolfe, L.E.S. Greetings from Harringay. Spo

12. Bros. R. Stevenson and C. H. Nunney recommended for L.D. and E.Supt. respectively. They were also responsible for the programme; coffee and buns provided, and songs and recitations given by R. Stevenson, C. H. Nunney, P. Adlington, S. J. Nunney; selection on the harmonium and violin by Bros. C. H. Nunney, sen. and jun.; two initiated; good session.

YANN.—"Join and Welcome." April 15. Pretty good attendance. Visited by Bro. R. Skelton, D.C.T., Bros. Taylor, V.D., Dabbs, D.T., and Walton, of Middenh. Very good Juvenile Temple attached, under the superintendence of Sister Casson, numbering about 60; addresses by the visitors. The Lodge intends having several public meetings during the next quarter, with a view of stirring up the members.

DEVONPORT.—"Workmen's Rest." April 17. Bro. Northcott, D.C.T. Henry Wheeler Lodge, presided. A good programme was gone through and much enjoyed. A duet by Sisters Shrigley and Salter; songs by Bros. Maxwell, Toope, and Sister Chubb; readings by Bros. Maine and Parkes, and a chorus by the members of the Henry Wheeler Lodge. Bro. Peter Taylor was recommended as L.D., and Bro. James H. Carter was recommended as L.E.S. Use of Lodge granted for the 24th inst. for special D.L. session. A vote of thanks to the visitors brought a very happy meeting to a close.

CROYDON.—"Hope of Croydon." April 12. Brothers' night; poor attendance; a very pleasant evening; Sisters E. E. and E. J. Newland sang; Bro. Pope, Croydon Pioneers Lodge, a recitation; Bro. Hudson, Albert Bond of Brotherhood Lodge, a recitation; Bro. Street, Jehovah Jireh Lodge, gave a very pleasing address, which was thoroughly appreciated; Bro. Day, W.C.T., a song; and Bro. Biggs, L.D., readings from the WATCHWORD. Fraternal greetings exchanged.

WOOLWICH.—"Sword and Shield." April 15. An entertainment (Bro. H. Renshaw, D.E.S., in the chair), by the Robert St. Blue Ribbon Choir, of Plumstead; conducted by Mr. A. Press. An interesting programme was given, and much appreciated. A crowded attendance.

CASTLEFORD.—"Come and Welcome." April 8. One initiated, and one proposed. Quarterly programme adopted. Pound night; good supply; a thoroughly enjoyed by all.—April 15. One admitted on c.c.; one initiated, and one proposed. Recommendations for L.D. and E.S. duly took place. Visit of Bro. S. Holdstock, V.D.; who gave a most encouraging address. An instructive and pleasant session. Sister Horsman, W.C.T., presided; good attendance. Sale of WATCHWORD increasing.

MANCHESTER.—"Haven of Rest." April 14. Visited by the Loyal Robert Whitworth Lodge. Bro. H. Parfitt, C.C.T., presided, and the following brothers and sisters entertained:—Bro. Summerfield, Sister L. Parfitt, Bro. Burns; addresses by Bro. Parfitt and Bro. Mitchell. Cakes, coffee, oranges, apples, &c., were provided. It being the 49th birthday of the L.D. of the Haven of Rest, Bro. G. Hedges provided the refreshments. Congratulatory addresses were given to the L.D. A very pleasant session was spent.

CHELTENHAM.—April 5. One proposed. Pound night. Proceeds to regalia fund.—April 12. One initiated. Bro. Errington, W.D.S., recommended as L.D., and Bro. E. Cox as L.E.S. [Name of Lodge not stated.]

HULL.—"Charles Walsham." April 17. A coffee supper and public meeting; well attended; after an ample repast, the W.C.T., Bro. Smith, presided. A good programme was given, in which the following took part: Sisters Baxter and Townsend and Bros. Dyson, Biggins, and Baxter; the Rev. J. Shaw, F.S.S., gave an address.

NEWARE.—"Active." April 13. Coffee supper and entertainment by members and visitors; songs by Sister Harrick and Bro. Mortimer; and a recitation by the W.S.; very pleasant evening spent.

HADFIELD.—"John Sergeant." April 7. One initiated; Good of the Order; pianoforte solo, Bro. Bowden; duets, Sisters Williams and Whitehead. Bros. Booth and Harrop; songs, Bro. Nixon, Sisters Nixon and Newsome; a pleasant evening.—April 14. Letter-box night; several interesting letters read; reading, Bro. Williams; song, Bro. Green; Bro. Williams recommended as L.D.; Bro. Green recommended as L.E.S.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Reformation." March 24. Paper by Bro. Joseph Kesterton, P.W.C.T., on "The Benefits of our Order, and how to reap them;" well discussed.—March 30. Half-pound night.—April 6. Readings and criticisms.—April 13. Paper by Bro. F. Burgoyne, on "A Tour in Monmouthshire." Pleasant evening. WATCHWORDS sold.

SPENNYMOOR.—"Triumph of Hope." April 14. One proposed; Saturday Evening Entertainment Committee presented final report, shewing that 27 meetings were held during the season, and handed over 15s. share of profits, which it was decided to expend in open-air work; Public Work Committee appointed to make arrangements for same. Sister M. Fleming being responsible provided following programme: Recitations, Bros. Wardlaw (own composition in Tyneside dialect) and J. Ayton; readings, Sisters M. Fleming and S. Berriman, and Bros. W. Witherington and W. Ayton.

NEWARK.—"Good Samaritan." April 15. Bro. Payne, W.C.T., being responsible for the programme, provided fruit and light refreshments; and also gave two readings at the close. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Payne. A sister admitted on c.c.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." April 15. Good business session. Recommendation of L.D. and L.E.S.: Bro. J. J. Wilkinson nominated for the 10th year as L.D., and Bro. Boyes re-elected as E.S. Report of special session of D.L. given and questions arising therefrom discussed. Good programme arranged for next quarter.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Nil Desperandum." April 10. Who shall be Chief? Some very interesting questions were put and answered, causing much merriment and instruction. Bro. Joseph Kesterton, L.D. (Star of Hope), acted as referee.

EXETER.—April 15. "Matthew the Miller." Visit of the D.C.T., Bro. Parr, who gave an interesting address.

BOTTESFORD.—"Triumphant." April 16. Resolved to give an entertainment in aid of the funds of the Hampsterley Band of Hope; visit from the Hope of Cockfield Lodge, presided over by Bro. A. Scott, W.C.T. and Deputy; and visitors present, who supplied the programme, a open Lodge at 7.45 p.m.; recitation, Sister L. Dixon; instrumental piece by Bro. Jos. Liddle; songs by Sisters A. Churchill (2), J. Clark, and L. A. Miller, Bros. W. Holden, Jas. Lindsley, and A. Ogden; duet by Sisters E. A. Dixon and J. Clark; readings by Bros. T. Clark and C. Nelson; a very enjoyable evening.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." April 16. W.C.T., Bro. R. B. Narracott, presiding. Circular read from G.W.C.T., for recommending L.D. and L.E.S. for the ensuing year. Item on the programme was, "Some Lessons on Natural History to be Learned from a Bunch of Watercresses," by Bro. A. C. Oakshott; very interesting and satisfactory; various brethren took part in the discussion. A good attendance and a capital evening was spent.

NEW MALDEN.—"Sure Refuge." April 2. Roll of members called. Lecture, "King Alcohol," by Bro. Garland; instructive and interesting.—April 9. Election of Deputies, &c; Bro. J. C. Woollacott, L.D., and Bro. G. R. Cawley, E.Supt. Resolution to invite D.Lodge to New Malden adopted; two proposed. Programme, sisters' night; Sister Page, W.V.T., presided, and the sisters rendered an excellent programme of dialogues, recitations, and singing.—April 16. Good session; many absentees present. [We allowed this last expression to stand, though it is more *Irish* than English, we think.—Ed.] One initiated; three proposed; arrangements for public tea on Good Friday. Second Degree meeting; four members inducted to the Degree of Fidelity. WATCHWORDS sold at every session.

NOTES FROM WALES.

The Rev. H. Elvet Lewis, of Hull, recently rendered most helpful service to the Clwydian Lodge, at Rhyl, by delivering an admirable lecture on "Empty Nests and Lost Birds." Visitors to Rhyl should not fail to visit this English Lodge which meets every Tuesday in Christ Church Lecture Hall

I am glad to hear from Bro. W. Cooke, G.W. Sec. of the English Grand Lodge of Wales, that so far as the reports have come to hand from the Lodges, there is an increase in membership. Five new Lodges have been instituted, and two others have been re-opened. Bro. T. R. Davies, G.S.J.T., reports a juvenile membership of 3,600. This I think also shews some progress. Several new Temples will shortly be formed.

I am glad to know that the English Good Templars of Wales will be represented at the forthcomiog session of the G.L. of England, at Newport, so near the Welsh borderland. Bro. W. T. Raper, G.W.C.T. and J. Fergusson, G.W.V.T., both of Cardiff, have been deputed to attend as visitors. English brethren who are going to Newport might help their friends over the borders if they would write to either of the brothers above named. Bro. Fergusson is the D.C.T. for East Glamorganshire.

Not neglecting their own districts the G.L. Executive have deputed Bro. J. Smout, G.W.C.T. of Llandilo, to visit the Lodges in Breconshire, and Bro. Rees, Bethesda, G.W.S., to render similar service in Pembrokeshire. Delegations have also been appointed to various G. Lodges.

I am glad to know that the English Lodges in North Wales are increasing, especially at Holyhead, Bangor, and Rhyl. With a view to add to their efficiency and to a strengthen their number it has been agreed to hold a special session of the G.L. of Wales at Bangor early in May, for the purpose of conferring the G.L. Degree, and of coosulting as to the future of the Order in that District. It is hoped a Lodge at Carnarvon will be soon started and be in working order long before the Right Worthy G.L. of the World hold its next session there. The fact that a special G.L. is to be held at Bangor will, I think, fix South Wales as the place of next year's G.L. session as well as this.

ANGLO-CELT.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

SALFORD.—"Pride of Ordsal." April 7. Large attendance; five initiated. Visits from Bros. E. K. George, V.S.J.T., and H. O'Neil, V.S.J.T., who gave encouraging addresses, recitations, &c.

HAVERHILL.—"Tho Will and the Way." March 25. Bro. H. F. Thake was elected superintendent, and Bro. James Backler assistant superintendent for the ensuing year.

GLASGOW.—"Anderston United." April 7. Third annual soirée, Bro. F. B. Graham, superintendent, presiding; 250 present. Fifty valuable books, which were given by members and friends of the Adult Lodge, were presented to the children who had gained them for singing, reading, and reciting. Collecting for Lodge funds and for bringing members to the Lodge. Superintendent's report shewed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition. Addresses by Bro. McKay, agent of the S.T.L., and Mr. Dunn. The greater part of the programme was by the children, and gave every satisfaction. The *Juvenile Templar* is sold regularly.

TRURO.—"Hope of Truro." April 6. Address by Bros. Sutton and Cummings (Modbury). Very interesting session; 62 members present.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." April 7. Two initiated; an address by Sister Mrs. Fisk, subject, "Templars, Past and Present." The speaker's genial and instructive style fixed the attention of a crowded session.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." April 2. Four initiated, and three proposed.—April 9. One proposed; vote of thanks for past services were given to Sisters F. and M. Nelson, who are leaving for Huddersfield.

Sister Bower, Golden Rule Lodge, gave an address. Very pleasant session; several parents and friends present. During the evening the superintendent gave the members of the Temple a free invitation to a visit to the bazaar.

PRESTON.—On April 7 a Juvenile Temple was instituted in the Hope of Preston Lodge by Bro. James Cocks, D.S.J.T. Four honorary members were admitted, and 16 Juveniles initiated. It was resolved to name the Temple Hope of Preston. Sister Elvin was recommended superintendent, and Sister E. Dickinson assistant superintendent. Other members were proposed. Bro. Cocks gave a few interesting remarks to the children.

COSHAM.—"Hope of Cosham." March 31. Very enjoyable meeting. Visit of Bro. Reed (Southampton), who gave an instructive address.—April 7. Good attendance. Initiation ceremony impressively performed. Programme: Readings and recitations from *Juvenile Templar*, by Sisters Pink, Fullick, Wheeler, and Pearce; Bros. Goodall, Budd, Glasspool, and others. Temple now working well. *Juvenile Templars* circulated every month.

TORQUAY.—"Prince of the West." April 13. A united Temple Session was held; a good attendance. Recitations and singing by the members, and speeches by the superintendents. Arrangements have been made to have a united session once a month.

PORTSMOUTH.—"Victoria Empress." April 5. Twenty-two initiated. Sister M. A. Goodall, P.S.J.T., The Bedford, London, gave an excellent address, which was much appreciated. Programme, Catechism on Alcohol.—April 12. Thirty-nine initiated. Programme, Lessons from Temperance Lesson Book. Great competition among the members for the prizes for bringing the most candidates during the quarter.

WHITTLE.—"Perseverance." April 14. A visit of Bro. A. C. Vale, D.C.Sec., who gave an address, which was listened to with great attention. This Temple has only been instituted a short time, and is making satisfactory progress.

ALTON.—"Excelsior." This Temple was re-instituted in January last by Sister Goodyear, D.S.J.T., with 16 members which has now increased to 42.—April 13. Public entertainment, at which the Rev. Mitchell-Mansell presided. A capital programme of recitations, dialogues, and readings, was given.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." April 14. Nine initiated. Blackboard lesson. "The Three F's," by Bro' H. Heal, V.S.J.T. Temple rapidly increasing in numbers and attendance.

SALFORD.—"Pride of Orsdal." April 14. Very large attendance, including Bros. G. Griffiths, D.S.J.T., E. C. Bainbridge, P.D.C.T., and H. O. Neill, V.S.J.T. At 7 o'clock the meeting was thrown open to friends and a recitation competition took place, the piece chosen being "The Temperance Alphabet." After a close competition the judges gave their decision as follows:—1st, Sister W. J. Thompson; 2nd, Bro. H. Waddington; 3rd, Sister W. J. Whiting; 4th, Sister A. Smith; 5th, Bro. A. Goodwin. Mr. Shepherd gave a very interesting address, as did also Bros. Griffiths (who presented the prizes) and Bainbridge (who presented cards of membership), and Bros. Handley, P.V.S.J.T., and Sheviatt, S.J.T.

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." April 6. One juvenile initiated and six adults. The rest of session taken up in recitations, solos, and ode singing, &c., &c.

BIRMINGHAM.—"St. Gabriel's." April 9. Visited Centre of Hope, and entertained them with songs and recitations. A Templar dialogue, by Bro. Joseph Kesterton, was given by Sisters Cariss, Orton, and Kesterton.—April 10. Centre of Hope paid return visit, and entertained ably.—April 17 Sharp practice, conducted equal to Sub-Lodge. Temple established eight months; 90 members.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Samuel Bowly" (senior). March 30. Two initiated. Good programme by members.—April 6 and 13. Usual meeting; large attendance. Temple increasing.

CHELTENHAM.—"Victoria." April 6. Parlour games, under the direction of Bro. Westmancott, S.J.T.; much enjoyed.—April 13. Five initiated, others proposed. Songs, &c. Temple looking up after a period of depression.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

MIDDLESEX.—April 10. Bro. D. Gover, D.S.J.T., presided. There was a good attendance. Bro. Gover reported a membership of 2,584; 18 Temples had reported a circulation of 829 Temperance periodicals monthly. Considering the depression of trade, the decrease in the adult Order, and other adverse circumstances, it was a matter for thankfulness that the decrease in the Juvenile Order in Middlesex during the last quarter had only been seven. He next mentioned the great service which Mr. Conybeare, M.P. for the Camborne Division of Cornwall, had already rendered to the cause of Juvenile Temperance by the introduction of his Bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to children under 13 years of age. It was a cause for rejoicing to know that the Billhad passed its second reading by a majority of 17. But final success was far short of being achieved; for the Bill would very likely be marred in Committee. At such a time and with such a Bill before the Legislature, the Middlesex District would be recreant to their great cause if they did not attempt to strengthen the hands of those who had charge of the Bill, and hence he submitted to the Council the propriety of adopting measure with that view. Finally, he mentioned with pleasure that there was to be a public Juvenile demonstration in connection with the coming G.L. in Newport. Bro. J. B. Scott, D.S., seconded, and the report, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted. Bro. Scott, D.S., moved, and Bro. H. Brown, D.C., seconded, the appointment of a special committee on Legislation, which should (1) seek an interview by deputation with Mr. Conybeare, to thank him

for his Bill, and encourage him to press on his Bill so as to get it passed unmutilated if possible; (2) to prepare and send a petition in its favour from the District Council; and (3) to urge by letter every M.P. for the Middlesex constituencies to vote for the Bill in its entirety. This was agreed to, and Bros. Gover, Chambers, Browne, Scott, and Insull were appointed the committee accordingly. The District Council expressed itself favourable to a quarterly password for the Juvenile Order. A special committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Gover, Insull, Browne, Macrow, and Bond, to arrange for the printing of Bro. Insull's paper (delivered before the recent conference) on the subject of "How to increase the Juvenile Order." The District Secretary having been requested to confer with the managing authorities of this year's Crystal Palace Temperance Fête, Bro. Scott announced that the Visiting Superintendents had met at Sister Russell's, who had generously entertained them to tea, and had agreed upon the allotment of the Temples under their respective charges; and that, amongst other things, they had resolved to organise an excursion under the auspices of the Council Executive to the Good Templar Orphanage at Sunbury. Other business was transacted, and the Council closed.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

Atherstone.—On April 7, a meeting of members of the Order took place at the Coffee House, Atherstone, for the purpose of forming the Lodges of Atherstone, Bedworth, Hartshill, and Nuneaton into a Convention. The D.C.T., Bro. W. J. Glover, presided. It was decided that the name should be Nuneaton District Convention. The following were chosen:—Officers, Bro. O. J. Oakey, W.C.T.; Sister Miss Elliott, W.V.T.; Bro. Jabez Hall, W.Sec.; Bro Newton, W.F.S.; Bro. Robinson, W.T.; Sister Harriss, W.C.; Bro. Summers, W.M.; Bro. Rev. J. M. Mannington, P.W.C.T. The question of rules for the government of the Convention, and mode of raising funds, were referred to the Executive for consideration and report to a future meeting.

Manchester.—On April 10 No. 3 convention met in the Pioneer Lodge Room. The V.D.'s report shewed Lodges in a generally low condition, with the exception of the Tower of Refuge, Good Samaritan, and Ardwick Happy Home. The Executive reported having visited many of the Lodges during the quarter, and advocated the promotion of mission and revival work. They intend to hold a public meeting at Stretford in a few weeks and expect to open a new Lodge there. Juvenile Temple Committee appointed as follows: Sisters Lord and Dabbs Bros. George and Foden. Sister M. A. Lord was recommended as V.D. in place of Bro. Mann, D.E.S. Three C.Supts. were elected, namely: Bro. Cochrane, for the S.W.; Bro. Cowen for the E., and Bro. Hedges for the S. Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., presided, and there was a fair attendance

Bolton and Farnworth.—The quarterly session was held in the Primitive Methodist School-room, Queen-street, Farnworth, on April 9, when Bro. John Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., and District Organising Agent, presided. Representatives from 10 Lodges and three Temples were present, and in their reports shewed a slight variation, numerically, to last quarter. The S.D.C.T. in his report stated that on the whole the District was in a perfect state of harmony. The reports of the secretary, executive, and finance committee were given, which were to the effect that 12 visits had been paid to Subordinate Lodges, that four Executive meetings and three Degree Sessions had been held in the quarter. In finance a slight increase of receipts over expenditure was shewn. The election of officers, vacant by the retirement of S.D.S.J.T., S.D.M., and the creation of office of S.D.Couns. resulted in the appointment of Bro. A. Isherwood (British Temperance League), Bro. R. Edge (Happy Home), and Bro. T. Morrow (Resolution). Bro. Edwards gave a stirring address, in which he advocated prayer meetings and caution in electing officers. After addresses, &c., from Bros. Pennawell, Gee, Hough and Turner, V.D's, had been given, votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Edwards for presiding, and to the John Jackson Lodge for their reception.

Manchester.—The quarterly session of No. 1 Convention was held on April 17, in the Canning Lodge, Mercer-street, Oldham-road. The Convention was called to order at 3 p.m. by Bro. Lowden C.C.T. The report of the Executive shewed that most of the Lodges within the area were in a prosperous condition. Reports of Representatives from Lodges were very satisfactory. Several missions have been held during the past quarter, which are under the supervision of Bro. J. Edward, P.G.W.C.T., Bro. Edward, P.G.W.C.T., Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., and Bro. Parfitt, W.C.T., No. 3. Convention, were introduced with the usual honours. The report of C.C.T. was very encouraging. Bros. Edward, Tolton, Parfitt, and Robinson gave addresses. At 6 p.m. a very good tea was provided by the Lodge, and at 7.30 a public meeting was held. The chair was occupied by the C.C.T., and address was delivered by Bro. Monk, D.E.S., and Bro. Gibbon, W.D.Tr. The meeting was enlivened with songs, duets, &c, by members of the Lodge.

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MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

[This column is for notes of progress, Tersely and briefly expressed paragraphs of news, of the institution or restoring of Lodges, and the extension of the Order invited.]

Chester.—On Thursday, April 8, a number of members of the Centrian Lodge, accompanied by Bros. T. S. Crosthwaite, P.D.C.T., and John Davies, D.C.T., drove over to the village of Dunham-on-the-Hill, and held the first Good Templar meeting ever known in the village, at the Wesleyan Chapel. The chair was taken by Mr. John Williams, of Dunham, agent to Lord Shewsbury, an old Temperance advocate, and stirring addresses were given by the P.D.C.T. and D.C.T. Bro. G. Davidson, W.D.A.S, gave a recitation, and all the members were regalia. Although not a sufficient number of those present were willing to start a Lodge at once, it is fully expected that this effort will not be futile. By the kindness of the friends, refreshments were provided for the Cestrians, who returned home highly pleased with their outing.

Essex.—A second successful Temperance meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel in the village of Hadleigh on Monday evening, March 29. The meeting was under the auspices of Nil Desperandum Lodge, Southend-on-Sea. Bro. W. J. Francis, L.D. (P.D.C.T. Essex), presided. Bro. F. W. Freeman, W.D.Ch., and the chairman gave addresses (that of the latter being illustrated by diagrams). Sister Francis recited, and several Temperance hymns were sung during the evening. The chapel was well filled and 31 pledges were taken at the close, making a total of 70 at the two meetings. The inhabitants of the quiet village of South Benfleet were on the *qui vive* on Friday evening, March 26, handbills and tracts having been previously left at every house stating that a Temperance meeting would be held in the Wesleyan Chapel on that evening by some members of the Southend-on-Sea Good Templar Lodge. At the time for commencing the chapel was comfortably full, many working men being present. Bro. F. W. Freeman, W.D.Chap., presided. Sister C. L. Francis gave a recitation, and Bros. Croxson, Freeman, and Francis, P.D.C.T., gave addresses, which were interspersed with solos and hymns. Twenty-three pledges were taken, five being from men engaged in the railway. At Hockley the Wesleyan Chapel was crowded on Monday evening, April 5, to hear Temperance addresses by Bros. Freeman and Francis of Southend. The members of the local Band of Hope assisted with recitations and singing and the meeting resulted in 11 pledges.

East and Mid Surrey.—The missionary effort on the part of the members at Reigate has been most successful during the last six months, being rewarded by initiations at almost every Lodge session. Also in planting the Juvenile Order in that portion of the district on April 1. A large gathering of members was present, taking part in the institution of the Hope of Reigate Juvenile Temple by Bro. J. J. Edwards, D.S.J.T., and supported by Bro. C. Hill, Counsellor; Bro. W. Shepherd, secretary; 20 juveniles and nine adults were initiated. Bro. J. H. Shergold was recommended as S.J.T. Addresses by Bros. J. J. Edwards, Hill, Shepherd, Inwood, and Shergold, who on behalf of the Reigate members thanked the District officers for their presence; much spirit was manifested and a very successful meeting closed to make way for Lodge session and Degree meeting.

Hanwell (Middlesex).—On April 8, the North umberland Lodge, which has not been working for three quarters, was re-opened at the coffee tavern, Diston-road, by Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D. Three applicants joined as Ancient Templars; three by c.c., and two were initiated. Election of officers as follows:—Bro. H. Johnson, W.C.T., Sister E. Smith, W.V.T., Sister E. Hughes, W.S. Officers installed by Bro. T. C. Macrow, assisted by Bros. B. Whcatly, and Bro. T. Sargant. Other names given in for membership. Every prospect of becoming a good Lodge.

Yarmouth, (Norfolk).—On Monday, March 29, a public meeting was held in St. Mary's School-room, Southtown, when Bro. W. Winton, D.C.T. of Middlesex, gave a capital address upon the Order. On Tuesday a united meeting of the five Lodges was held in the Good Hope Lodge-room, the chair was occupied by Bro. T. Goate, D.T., and the other chairs by the W.C. Templars and W.V. Templars of the five Lodges. Bro. Winton was invited to preside, when he delivered another telling address on the Good of the Order. On the following Tuesday Bro. T. Goate, assisted by the officers of the Yarmouth Degree Temple, instituted a new Lodge, to be called the Southtown Lodge, with 24 members and several names for the next meeting. Bro. C. Stacey Watson is the first W.C.T., Bro. Nicholson is L.D., and Bro. Maddeson is W.Sec. The prospect is very hopeful, as the District has been quite neglected through the want of a room to hold meetings.

Devonport.—On Tuesday, April 6, the members of the various Lodges meeting in the Temperance Hall, held a public meeting and entertainment, the first of a series arranged for the purpose of reviving the Order in the town. There was a grand muster of members in regalia and the general public. Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., presided, and gave a very earnest address. Bros. Richards, Litten, and Moon were the speakers, and gave telling addresses. The Star of Morice Town Handbell Ringers, conducted by Bro. George Prouse, rendered in a very creditable style three selections; Bro. J. H. Stephens also played three selections upon his fairy bells; duets by Mrs. George and Miss Jago; recitations by Sisters Litten, Elworthy, and Bro. Calloway. Miss George presided at the harmonium. An increase in membership is looked for as a result of these entertainments.

Liverpool.—On April 12 a Lodge was instituted in 209, County-road, Walton, to be called Walton Happy Home. Eight members were initiated and 15 joined by clearance card. The members and friends met an hour before the meeting and sat down to a cup of tea, &c., served by Bro. Inkerman. The installing officer was Bro. R. W. Kirkus, P.W.D.S., assisted by Bro. M. Jones, W.D.Sec., and Bros. Bullman and Gilmore, of the Hope of All Souls' Lodge. A very successful opening with prospect of great success. One brother has succeeded in getting his whole family, servants, and two workmen to join, and several others who had looked upon Good Templary shyly and tried moderation have abandoned this and put on the armour and express their determination to do all in their power to help in the noble cause.

Wiltshire.—On March 29 Bro. Bramley commenced a two days' mission at Salisbury; Mr. J. Moore presided. At the close a Lodge session was held and six candidates were initiated, and several others proposed, including the chairman of the public meeting. Another large meeting was held, presided over by Mr. J. Herring. So great was the success that a week's mission was arranged. On Wednesday, 31st, a three days' mission commenced at Whiteparish, where both the Lodge and Temple had ceased working owing to various circumstances, but Bro. B. not only awoke the old members but initiated several new ones, and the Lodge and Temple are now again fairly at work. This District has already found the advantage of a permanent agent, and has proved a great help to weak Lodges; and it is pleasing to note that Temperance societies and Bands of Hope are all working unitedly to spread the cause.

N.E. Lancashire.—The District Executive met at Rawtenstall on April 13. In the evening a meeting of the Blue Ribbon Debating-class was held, at which Bro. C. Winfield, D.T., read a paper on Good Templary. A good discussion ensued, in which Bro. Fowler, D.C.T., Bros. Rev. J. Jefferson, Winfield, M. King, and several other brothers and friends took part. It is felt that good results will ensue.

Bolton.—On Saturday evening, April 17, a public meeting was held in the Bolton Arms Coffee Tavern, under the auspices of the Good Templars of that town. Bro. the Rev. Richard Lambert presided, and urged the Good Templars to greater effort in the way of aggressive work, and rejoiced in the reduction of revenue from alcoholic drinks. Bro. Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., gave an inspiriting address. Bro. Bennett, P.D.C.T. moved, and Bro. Howarth seconded, "That this meeting rejoices in the formation of a Bolton Temperance Union, and pledges itself to do all in its power to assist such in the work it has undertaken to do." The motion was carried with enthusiasm. A programme of songs, duets, &c., was then gone through.

FOREIGN SAILINGS.

Bro. R. Smitherman, of Garden of Kent Lodge, sails for America in the ss. Marville from London on April 24, and would be glad to know of any members going by the same vessel.—Address Moor-street, Rainham, Kent.

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April 26 (Easter Monday) President Garfield, 1,264, Orphanage, Percy-road, Carlton-road, Kilburn; social tea, 6.30 p.m., tickets 6d. (reserved, 1s.); 8 p.m., 6d. (with refreshments). Songs, recitations, and parlour games. Come all.

April 26 (Easter Monday) The Old Portieth Lodge, P.16, Highbury-street School-room, High-street, Portsmouth; coffee supper and entertainment; will be glad to receive visits from our volunteer brothers and others who may be in Portsmouth.

April 28. "Postmaster's Night" at Prese Forward Lodge, No 60, Maidenhead; letters from members of other lodges will be welcomed by the Lodge Deputy, Bro. Rookley, 10, Gloucester-terrace, Maidenhead.

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THE WORK OF THE SESSION.

OUR week's Parliament is about to assemble to settle the affairs of the nation. In many respects it will be an example which the House of Commons itself might copy with advantage. Its deliberations will be conducted upon a system that we would not exchange for the form of procedure of the National Parliament, and while our debates will be less long-winded, they will be equally pertinent, and be addressed to less prejudiced minds, so as more effectively to influence upon their merits the decisions arrived at.

The work of the session is not very formidable. It is true there are 86 resolutions on the Digest, but many of these are either duplicates or contradictions, so that a whole group will be settled by the adoption of a single motion. There is no very burning question to be solved; the one topic that should be most absorbing is the old one, How to stop the declension, and how to increase the efficiency and enthusiasm of our members for efficient Temperance work. The minor questions are, of course, more or less contributory to this one result, for life is made up of small things. The life-long pledge is to be reconsidered, it being contended that the time of a member's initiation is too early to impose so sacred an obligation upon him. The Provident Fund will be reported upon and discussed, and probably advanced a stage towards adoption or rejection. The tax question will come up in several forms, both as to its amount and the time and method of its collection. The methods of obtaining District Lodge, Grand Lodge and Right Worthy Grand Lodge Membership will be reviewed. Some object to property qualifications, some would dispense with personal attendance, and some would almost dispense with personal service. It is proposed to base Grand Lodge Representation upon the February instead of the November returns. It is desired to repeal the prohibition of character dress in connection with Good Templar entertainments; and some propose to restrict it to the performance of approved Temperance pieces or plays. It is desired that Lodge Deputies be not disqualified for Worthy Chief Templars. It is recommended to make the bye-law permissive only which requires that tax and returns be forwarded before password is sent. Some Lodges wish to receive fees on receiving or enrolling clearance cards. The ballot is suggested to be used in recommendation of Visiting Deputies. In the competition for the Challenge Shield it is suggested that the increase of members should be independent of Clearance, Associate, and Ancient Templar cards, and of Lodges transferred from other Districts. It is proposed that lapsed members who have not violated their obligation should resume their Degrees on rejoining the Order. Juvenile Templars are proposed to be admitted to Adult Lodges at the age of 14. It is suggested to make the Juvenile pledge life-long. Monthly pass-words are suggested for the Juveniles. Power is asked to establish Juvenile Lodges with a pledge similar to that used in Adult Lodges. It is suggested to abolish Degree qualifications for office in Sub-Lodge. The Degree question arises in various forms. It is recommended to board out orphan children in Temperance families rather than extend the existing institution. The vaccination question crops up again, and Grand Lodge or Executive is asked to find a remedy in the case of the difficulty which arises from the existing law. Provincial Grand Lodges are suggested. Kissing games are frowned upon. The discussion of party political [other than Temperance we presume] questions in the Lodges is objected to. Safeguards are suggested against the hasty or irregular removal of a Lodge. The Lodge Guide is again urged. Free advertisements in the official organ of Good Temperance drinks, also of sham ones, is recommended. It is proposed to dispense with the confirmation of D.L. resolutions for the G.L. Digest. Canvassing in Lodges for benefit or Insurance Societies is objected to. Steps are proposed to prevent the appointment as postmasters of persons holding drink licences. The G.W.C.T. is desired to visit every District Lodge once a year at cost of Grand Lodge. The Ritual is desired to be made public. The political work of the Order is desired to be done outside, but in conjunction with, the Order. The support of prohibition is urged without respect to political parties. The tinkering of the Constitution is objected to, and freedom of action to subordinate bodies is claimed. Summer time is urged as more suitable than Easter for the Grand Lodge session. And, finally, Sunderland and London compete for the honour of entertaining the

Grand Lodge at its annual session in 1887. We can only hope that all these knotty questions will be satisfactorily settled, and that a new impetus may be given by the session to the rescue of the perishing and to the uplifting of our common humanity.

THE LATE GEORGE THORNELOE.—We are desired to draw attention to a very interesting series of meetings to be held on Good Friday at the Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. By that date, the obelisk erected at the grave of our late Bro. George Thorneloe in Nunhead Cemetery, will be completed, and as the Cemetery Company's rules do not allow unveilings or demonstrations in their precints,a memorial service will be held at 4 o'clock in the above-named hall, which is within a short walk of the burial ground. Afterwards those present will proceed to the grave and inspect the obelisk, returning thence to the hall to a tea provided by the Peckham Lodge, I.O.G.T. In the evening a public meeting will be held. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large attendance.

A TRUE DRINK TRAGEDY.

BY BRO. J. OLIVER.

O! could some poet's mantle fall on me,
His heaven-born inspiration fill my soul,
Then would I to the listening world declare
The black co-mingled horrors of the bowl.

The bowl—that little lake of shipwrecked life,
Of hopes and prospects drowned within its rim,
That mimic whirlpool 'gulfing human souls,
Drawn to its vortex from the shining brim.

But since the poet's art I dare not claim,
Lest I be deemed usurper of his crown,
I would in simple language now relate
About one home by drink in ruin thrown.

About one life crushed like a tender flower—
Yes, like a flower denied Death's resting-place;
And of a monster 'neath the demon's power
On whom humanity scarce left a trace.

Far to the Westward, where the setting sun
Its evening blush reflects upon the water,
In a new England city, lately dwelt
A wretched drunkard and his fair young daughter.

From biting wintry morn to weary eve,
That fair young girl her bird'ling needle plied,
Away from that dull place she called her home,
That they might be with needful things supplied.

Yet daily from her meagre pittance he
Would filch a part, with drink to get supplied,
Till,—slipping on the ice one eve she fell,
And in a hospital she pined and died.

Then came the burial;—one besotted man
Followed to see her placed beneath the mould;
But e'en a floral wreath by friends bestowed
To grace the coffin, he for liquor sold.

Nor was that all; as if by demons spurred,
A deeper crime within his mind found birth;
One night he sought the newly-covered grave,
And tore his daughter's body from the earth.

He bore it off in triumph from the place,
Then—deed of deeds! how horrid and cold-blooded,
Sold it for dollars, at a hideous place,
Where man's anatomy is taught and studied.

Then with the cursed coins he shuffled off,
And drank the price of her dishonoured clay;
Here let the curtain fall upon the scene,
Our souls with sickened horror turn away.

Let Fiction try her best inventive skill,
Methinks her wildest phantasies would pale,
Compared with much by simple Fact revealed,
Witness this true and deeply mournful tale.

O, Christians, patriots, brothers, all arise.
And drive the hateful liquor curse away,
Then shall sobriety supremely reign,
And usher in a bright and better day.

GRAND LODGE SESSION AT NEWPORT.

The Grand Lodge Executive have arranged for the publication each day during the forthcoming Grand Lodge Session, of a "miniature newspaper" to be called the GRAND LODGE TIMES. The first number will be on sale on Easter Monday at 2 p.m., and the following issues at 9 a.m., on succeeding days, at one penny. THE GRAND LODGE TIMES will contain news of the Grand Lodge, summary of proceedings, and original contributions from Grand Lodge members. A complete set of the five issues will be sent by post for six stamps to any member of the Order who may desire copies, and who send full postal address and stamps to the G.W.Sec., Grand Lodge Office, Edmund-street, Birmingham.

REPORT OF THE GRAND WORTHY SECRETARY.

TO THE G.L. OF ENGLAND, NEWPORT, MON., EASTER, 1886.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

1. The accounts for the past year are appended, shewing an excess of income over expenditure of £37 10s. 6d.

MEMBERSHIP.

2. The following is an abstract of returns as received from the District Lodges:—

Number of members, November 1, 1884, as per last abstract (including 653 associates) ...		81193
Initiated during the year ...	3398	
Admitted by clearance cards	4921	
Re-instated	4838	
Re-admitted	1245	
Gains by new Lodges	2607	
		47632
		128825
Suspended	26978	
Withdrawn from the Order ...	7000	
" by Clearance Card ...	7271	
Expelled	5857	
Deaths	460	
Losses by surrended charters ...	7133	
		54699
Number of members November 1, 1885 (including 1188 associates)		74125
Decrease in Home Districts ...	7980	
Decrease in Naval District ...	13	
	7993	
Increase in Military District ...	359	
Increase in Foreign Lodges ...	567	
	926	
Net Decrease		7067

The following is a summary of the

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP,

Home Districts.	Military, Naval, and Foreign.	Grand Total.
70453	3673	71126

CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

The following gives the increases and decreases shewn by each district, and upon which, in accordance with *G.L. Bye-laws, Art. X., Sec. 5*, the award is made. The period this covers is from November 1, 1884, to November 1, 1885, and the basis is the number of members in good standing upon whom Grand Lodge Tax is paid, with the addition of members of new Lodges upon whom no tax is due.

INCREASES (15 DISTRICTS).

District Lodge.	Per cent.	District Lodge.	Per cent.
Military	40	Devon, N.	5
Lancashire, N. ...	19	Lancashire, S.(Welsh)	5
Yorks, Central ...	17	Northampton, S. ...	3
Cumberland, E. ...	16	Somerset, E.	3
Isle of Wight... ...	16	Yorks, N.W.	3
Cambridge	14	Surrey, W.	2
Monmouth	14	Hereford	1
Buckingham	7		

DECREASES (51 DISTRICTS).

Salop	97	Beds	11
Gloucester, N.W. ...	62	Lancashire, S.W. ...	11
" E. ...	28	Kent, E.	10
Dorset...	25	Lancashire, S.E. ...	10
Nottingham	23	Northumberland ...	10
Cornwall, W.... ...	22	Wiltshire	10
Hertfordshire ...	21	Kent, M.	9
Norfolk	20	Stafford, N.	9
Cumberland, W. ...	19	Oxford	8
Devon, E.	19	Warwick	7
Surrey, E. and M. ...	18	Yorks, S.W.	7
Middlesex	17	Essex	6
Suffolk	17	Leicestershire ...	6
Cheshire, E. and M....	16	Northampton, N. ...	6
Lincoln	16	Durham, N.	5
Cornwall, E.	15	Durham, S.	4
Gloucester, W. ...	15	Kent, W.	4
Yorks, E.	15	Cheshire, W.	2
Sussex	14	Derby	1
Yorks, N.	14	Hants, N.	1
Berkshire	13	Hants, S.	1
Devon, S.	13	Lancashire, N.E. ...	1
Hunts...	13	Somerset, W.... ...	1
Somerset, M.... ...	13	Worcestershire ...	1
Stafford, S.	13	Naval	1
Yorks, Cleveland ...	13		

The only substantial numerical increases on the year are:—

Military	359	Isle of Wight ...	116
Lancashire N. ...	174		

The largest decreases occur in the following Districts:—

*Middlesex	1300	*Devon, S.	160
*Surrey, E. and M....	707	Gloucester, N.W. ...	160
*Northumberland ...	494	*Stafford, S.... ...	154
Lancashire, S.W....	395	*Devon, E.	150
Glouce-ter, E. ...	336	*Salop	138
*Nottingham	317	*Stafford, N. ...	131
*Cumberland, W. ...	304	*Suffolk	127
*Lancashire, S.E. ...	297	*Cheshire, E. and M.	126
Kent, E.	282	Kent, Mid	121
*Sussex	275	*Somerset, Mid. ...	121
*Yorks, E.	222	*Warwick	121
*Dorset	208	*Durham, N. ...	119
Gloucester, W. ...	200	Durham, S. ...	119
Yorks, S.W. ...	189	*Essex	112
*Lincolnshire ...	163	*Leicester	108
*Yorks, Cleveland ...	161	*Yorks, N.	100

The Districts marked * all showed a decrease during the previous year, so that the decline has not been arrested.

GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP.

3. 104 members of Grand Lodge are reported to me as having ceased to be members thereof from the following causes:—Withdrawal from the Order, 30; violated obligation, 23; deaths, 36; emigrated, 10; suspended, 5.

In accordance with G.L. Bye-law, Art. III., Sec. 8, I have reported their names to the Executive.

NUMBER OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

4. Number reported November 1, 1884:—

Home Districts	1549	
Military, Naval, and Foreign ...	90	
		1639
During the year there have been instituted and resuscitated ...	220	
Transferred from other Grand Lodges	4	
		224
		1863
Less		
Transferred to other Grand Lodges	2	
Dead, surrendered, or not recommended Lodge Deputies during the past 12 months	154	
		156
Leaving on November 1, 1885:—		
Home Districts	1608	
Military, Naval, and Foreign ...	99	
		1707

DEGREE TEMPLES.

5. 131 were reported last year as working. From this, however, there is to deduct 36 which have not doring the year recommended Deputies, thus leaving 95 working Temples, a decrease of 36 during the year.

CONCLUSION.

6. I regret that it falls to my lot to report a decrease in membership—the continued depression in trade may doubtless largely account for this, still I cannot but think that we must not attribute it to this cause alone. The time of this Grand Lodge cannot be better occupied than in considering this question, even if it should be necessary to shorten the discussion of less important subjects.

I have attended every meeting of your Executive during the year, and have given all the attention that was possible for me to do to the general business and administration of the office.—Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. COLLINGS,
Hon. G.W. Sec.

AN INGENIOUS MAN is said to be making a fortune in the prohibition States of America by a very crafty sort of pump. Worked by barmen, beer comes out; but should an officer of the law take a hand at the pump, the only product is water.

BISHOP WORDSWORTH, of St. Andrews, preaching at Aberdeen on "The true perspective of Christian duty," said: "There is the device of Good Templars, and in their case I would desire to think and to say nothing but good of men who form themselves into a fraternity for a good purpose. But here, again, if there is seen—as there is wont to be—any rivalry displayed, as though they would claim to mould a type of moral character beyond what the ministry of the Gospel is supposed to be competent to form, ought we not to feel jealous of the honour of our holy religion, and decline to give attention to such pretensions." To this we reply, there would be no need for any moral reformation societies if the Church did her duty, but in the meantime Springburn's story about the daft man in the pulpit is to the point, "Come awa' up, minister, there's need for us baith."—*Scotch Good Templar.*

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Much curiosity was exhibited in political circles as to how Sir W. Harcourt would get through the ordeal when the time arrived for him, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, to present his financial proposals to the House of Commons. The general opinion seems to be that he proved equal to the occasion; and even if the Budget is a commonplace one, yet it contains many interesting features, particularly the statistics of the receipts from Excise and Customs duties. It is gratifying to notice the continued falling-off in revenue from alcoholic drinks; but better still to learn that as such income decreases that derived from other sources, such as tea, dried fruits, &c., has steadily advanced.

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As there is so much in Sir William's speech having reference to the state of the drink traffic during the past year, I have no doubt copious extracts will be given from it under the heading of Parliamentary intelligence. But I hope every member of our Order will carefully study the whole speech, and they will then be able to perceive how clearly it is demonstrated that the consumption of strong drink is surely declining. It must also be remembered that the decrease of revenue to the extent of £1,179,000 represents a much larger falling off per head of the population; for had the consumption per head continued at the rate it had reached in 1875-6 the income from this source last year would have been £7,830,000 than it was ten years ago. Then we were drinking to the extent of 19s. 1d. per head, whilst last year the average was 14s. 9½d.

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Some writers, however, will not admit that any of this decrease has come about through an increase of temperate habits amongst the people, and assert that it simply means that whereas in 1875 the nation was experiencing great prosperity, latterly it has been suffering from equally great adversity. It is also said that should any great revival come to the commercial world, the drink bill will very soon run up again. One paper goes so far as to advocate that the beer tax, &c., should have been reduced, so that the working man could obtain as much liquor as in former years for less money. But the "poor man" does not cry out for more beer; he asks for work so that he may purchase those "other comforts" to which Sir William Harcourt referred, and also help him to train his children to walk in a better path than he has traversed in the years that are past.

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Not only has the demand for the "other comforts" increased, but the deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank have also moved steadily forward. In 1875 these amounted to £67,575,000, or £2 1s. 3d. per head of the population, whereas in 1885 the savings had reached £94,156,000. To this must be added £3,150,000, invested for depositors, making a grand total of £97,306,000, or £2 13s. 6d. per head. This, to my mind, conclusively proves that the money of our wage-earning population is finding its way into a better channel than the publican's till. And, as year by year they experience the benefits of increased thrift and sobriety, so the probability of any reversion to the old ways will be lessened.

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This latest budget is a sign of the times which the most bigotted and narrow-minded opponent of progress cannot fail to read. Let us, as Good Templars, see that its effect is not lost, but exert every nerve to still further reduce the national drink bill, and multiply the blessings already experienced by those now awakening to the fact that England will be better, brighter, and happier just in proportion as it adopts habits of sobriety and thrift.

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Many of the large West End clubs are reporting a falling off in their income for 1885 as compared with previous years. In nearly every case the greatest decrease is in the profits derived from the sale of wines, spirit, &c. As the demand for the spirituous liquors has declined, that for lighter and non-intoxicating beverages has improved. May we not take this as a sign of progress amongst the upper classes?

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The scenes enacted at the Old Bailey during the trial of Mrs. Bartlett are a disgrace to English womanhood. The idea of ladies of education and refinement (?)—dressed in the height of fashion and provided with novels, opera glasses to gaze upon their unfortunate sister in the dock, packets of sandwiches, &c., and small bottles of wines and spirits, as if they were going to a picnic—assembling daily to watch the proceedings of a case, many of the details of which were too disgusting for publication, is so revolting that it is no wonder Mr. Justice Wills gave utterance to some very strong language in condemnation of their conduct. It is to be hoped that in future those having charge of our criminal courts will have the courage to prohibit the presence of these unwomanly women during such trials as the one just finished, and thus prevent a repetition of conduct which would not be tolerated in any ordinary place of amusement.

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The Social Science Association is to be dissolved, and the interesting congresses which have been a feature for so many years will exist only in history. One of the last acts of the association was to arrange for the "Happy Family" gathering held at Princes' Hall some two months ago, and which helped so largely to show to the world the strength of the Temperance position and the weakness of that taken up by the representatives of the trade. The announcement of dissolution, however, may create fresh interest in social science, and men and women may come forward prepared to carry on the work. Many of the improvements enjoyed to-day in the administration of local affairs were originated at social science congresses, and there is still room for development in these matters.

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On Saturday last a conference of workers in the penny dinner movement was held at the London School Board offices. It was announced that the Council had received 13 reports, and on analysing these it was found that on the average of every hundred dinners there was a loss of only four per cent.; but it was thought that when they got more accustomed to the work this loss would be turned into a profit. It was generally found that if rooms were obtained rent-free 120 dinners a day would render a branch self-supporting.

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Some time ago an able minister surprised his congregation by announcing his text from one of the daily papers of the past week, giving out the paper, page and column, and the following words: "*A chance for some man.*—For sale, a corner liquor shop, opposite a factory where there are 800 men employed winter and summer." Text and sermon were not soon forgotten by the hearers.

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The *Temperance World* sees something very dreadful in the festival held by our brethren in India on Christmas Day in the "delapidated tomb of some departed Mussulman." It starts the quotation from official organ in India with the words, "Whatever new horror are we about to inaugurate!" For my part I see nothing very outrageous in a party of total abstainers meeting together and celebrating Christmas in true English style, even if their rendezvous is an old disused heathen temple. Better to do that than spend the day in the canteen drinking, smoking, swearing, and perhaps quarrelling. Some people, however, appear to take a delight in groping after "mares' nests," and this is the second one that has been found within the last few weeks. I suppose the "horror" would not have been discovered, had the party not been Good Templars.

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Mr. Samuel Morley, as president of the U.K.B.U., has prepared an appeal to parents, urging them to refrain from sending their children to public-houses for beer, &c. It has been decided to issue a million copies of it, and arrangements are in progress to distribute them at the homes of the working classes on Saturday, May 15. Such united action cannot fail to prove effective. The local unions are asking for volunteers to carry out this work, and it is to be hoped a sufficient number will be forthcoming.

Free Lance.

Many years ago the present Archbishop of York, who used to be an ardent fisherman, betook himself for a few days to a Yorkshire village, which boasted a good trout stream, and put up at a clean but modest hotel. His Grace, on his arrival, informed the landlord who he was, and, on leaving, wrote a cheque for his bill, and handed it to his host. The Yorkshireman closely scanned the signature, and asked, "What name is this?" "W. Ebor," answered his Grace (Ebor being the ancient name of York, and the usual signature of that See). "Ah," said the landlord, as he pocketed the cheque, "I thought you were telling me a lie, when you said you were the Archbishop of York."

THE NEW GRAND LODGE OFFICES.

OPENING CELEBRATION.

As we have previously made known in the Watchword, these offices have been removed from the corner of Congreve-street, to more commodious and extensive premises in Edmund-street, Birmingham. It was felt, therefore, that a gathering of friends of Temperance might fittingly take place in commemoration of the opening. Accordingly, Bros. J. Malins, G.W.C.T., and Josiah Derrington, G.W.M., issued invitations to a goodly number of friends representing the Temperance and other movements, to assemble and take tea in the spacious Board-room at the offices. This *réunion* took place on Friday evening (April 16), the company assembling at 6 p.m. to partake of a pleasant repast, which had been prepared by Bro. Alfred Hughes, of the "Garden" Restaurant. Tea being over, addresses of a congratulatory nature were delivered by gentlemen representing the different societies. Several G.L. Executive officers being among those present.

Bro. Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., speaking of the growth of the Order, said that 20 years had elapsed since he first became acquainted with the Order, and 18 years had rolled by since he returned from America to Birmingham and planted the Order by forming the first Lodge in a little tiny chapel in Regoe-street. The little seed since growing up into a mighty tree till its branches counted in England alone 1,600, holding 2,000 meetings every week. They had grown from strength to strength, till at Manchester last year, on the occasion of the G.L. Annual Session, Temperance sermons were preached from 276 pulpits. He remarked that it had long been felt desirable to acquire more suitable premises for carrying on the work. He concluded by saying that they would shortly have a Lodge meeting there, and those present might consider themselves fortunate if they were allowed to retire without a promise to become members—when they would have their "irons" heated—(laughter)—and commence the work of initiation.

Bro. Josiah Derrington, G.W.M., was pleased to meet so many friends with whom he had laboured for upwards of 40 years in Temperance work and other kindred social movements. Their experience had taught them that they not only wanted great social movements, but that besides it was indispensably requisite that they should have a foundation of thoroughgoing total abstinence. This had been the experience of the School Board officers when going among the people, whose improvidence was mainly caused by their spending money in drink. They were, therefore, glad they had another centre of moral forces, and another building added to the very few possessed already.

Mr. James Whyte, secretary United Kingdom Alliance, remarked that on making known the invitation he had received to headquarters in Manchester, they were very glad to allow him to represent them, and he was, therefore, present in their name to wish the Order Godspeed. The Good Templar Order had a very definite aim in view; he felt the country was being slowly but gradually leavened with those principles which would accomplish the reforms they believe to be necessary. He believed the Good Templar organisation had done a great deal of work. He wished, however, to make one observation, which he trusted would be rightly received. He felt that Good Templary had scarcely the power it ought to have, and he could wish the Order had a little more power to dispense and send forth to the extremities of the world their teachings, which would be extremely valuable if the money was forthcoming. The machinery was very perfect; but he felt they could grind a deal more corn if they had a little more steam. (Laughter.) If they were able to keep going half-a-dozen good missionaries it would be productive of great good. Somehow he thought, too, they ought to try and accomplish that object.

Rev. Charles Leach, who was introduced by the chairman as "representing the west side of the Birmingham School Board," said he rejoiced to be with them, and expressed a hope that God would bless them, so that they might be even more successful in the new premises than they had ever been in the old. He regarded the Good Templar movement as a religious movement, and he had no doubt that at that moment there were thousands who owed their start along the lines of Christianity to their association with the Order. He hoped when next he met them the report would be still more encouraging.

Bro. Professor Andre, of the Alpine Choir, next spoke, and created some amusement by stating he firmly believed that if the movement he had started to foster and encourage good music and singing became successful, that there would be no necessity to build Temperance music-halls, because people when accustomed to superior music would absent themselves, and that, therefore, in consequence such halls would become bankrupt and they might, he humorously remarked, step in and buy the lot. He advocated the teachiog of music among the Juvenile Temples and in Bands of Hope.

Councillor W. H. Hart (Birmingham Town Council) expressed surprise at the progress of the Order and its powers, till that night he had no idea that Good Templary was so useful in promoting Temperance. He was pleased to learn what were the principles taught in the Juvenile Temples, and he should look forward to the next generation being both wiser and better. He had always taken a hopeful view of the movement, because the Chancellor of the Exchequer had by figures he had brought in plainly shewed that the consumption of intoxicants had been much reduced during the last few years. He wished them success, and hoped all other branches of Temperance work would put on their armour, being assured that by-and-by would come the victory.

Bro. J. M. Goodchild, secretary Gospel Temperance Mission, desired to add his word of congratulation to the Order in having attained to such a very commodious building as they possessed at the present time. He regretted that the local Temperance societies had never yet been able to unite together in possessing a building where all the Temperance organisations might have a fraternal home, so as to associate together. He hoped the time would come when those or still more commodious premises would be secured for that purpose. He was delighted to know that the Order was more and more dispensing literature. He hoped the members of the Order would avail themselves of the pledge rolls of their Union so as to get into the Lodges many of those who signed the pledge.

Bro. the Rev. W. Kipling Cox, Diocesan Secretary C.E.T.S., wished them very heartily God speed. It was, he felt, a grand thing to have such suitable rooms as those they were met in. He most sincerely trusted that the Order, which had a position among the Temperance organisations, would press on. It was doing a vast deal to get people from the drink. He believed the Good Templar body stood absolutely far and above any other Temperance organisations. Nothing could do the work of Temperance better than our Good Templar Lodges.

Bro. E. C. Brambley, District Superintendent U.K.A., spoke of the introduction of the Order and of the work done by Bros. Malins, Kempster, and others. Rev. Charles Joseph, Mr. T. Hewins, and F. Mills (secretary, Birmingham Temperance Society), Bro. J. Phillips (Midland Temperance League), Bro. T. Humpherson, P.D.C.T. (District Secretary Rechabites), Mr. Roffey (Sons of Temperance), W. Hussey (secretary, Birmingham U.K.A.), also spoke. There were also present: Bros. J. B. Collings, G.W.Sec., Edward Wood, G.W.T., W. J. Glover, D.C.T. (Warwickshire), A. Rowley, D.C.T. (South Stafford), Sister Townsend, D.S.J.T. (Warwick), and others.

DISTRICT LODGES.

. It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

West Gloucester.—An adjourned session of this D.L. was held at the Temperance Hall, Broad-street, Bristol, on Tuesday evening, April 13, to consider the proposed provident scheme. Bro. J. W. Padfield, D.C.T., presided over a numerous attendance of members, who displayed unusual interest in the proceedings. Papers were read in favour of the scheme by Bros. A. T. Parker, D.E.S., and Bro. W. C. Parfrey, W.D.M., and against it by Bro. A. J. Lucas, W.D.Sec. An animated discussion followed; in the end the original proposition to support the scheme was negatived by an overwhelming majority, as it was felt that the scheme would not only prove unsuccessful on account of its comparatively high rates, but that the principle itself would not be conducive to the good of the Order. The Reps. to G.L. were therefore requested to oppose the institution of the scheme.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE.

DEBATE ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A DIVISION.

THE MOTION DEFEATED.

Shall Middlesex be divided? Shall its District Lodge, which for years past has been "one and undivided," be cut in twain? Shall the jurisdiction which stands at the head of the Good Templar Districts of England, not only in numbers but in influence, be separated? Shall the grandest District Lodge in the world cease to be one, and be formed into two smaller bodies with results which nobody can foresee? That was the question which on Saturday evening last brought together 386 members of all grades at South-place Chapel, Finsbury—a question felt by many to be fraught with the most serious import, not to the metropolitan county alone, but also to England itself; for if any good grounds could be shewn for dividing the D.L. of Middlesex who should say that the same arguments would not weigh in favour of a division of the Grand Lodge of England? The gathering was one not likely to be forgotten by those who took part in it. Entering the spacious building shortly after 6 one could not fail to be reminded of some stirring incidents in the history of the Order in the county and the country at large. In the chair of the presiding officer sat Bro. William Winton, the respected D.C.T., who 11 years ago, stepped or was forced by circumstances, into the breach when the office was practically going begging; who was speedily called upon to take his stand in the fight on the great Negro Question which agitated the Order throughout the world, and who by his persistent labours day and night succeeded in saving Middlesex from becoming the stronghold of the enemy. By his side sat Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co., who was a prominent actor in a fight of yet earlier date, when the question of Provincial Grand Lodges was being discussed throughout England with a degree of warmth remembered only by a few. In various parts of the hall were to be seen other good men and true; aye, and women, too, who had stood by the Order in many a trial, and had assisted it in weathering many a storm and in braving many a crisis. There was also a large number of comparatively new members, to whom the burning questions of earlier days and the history of past years are practically unknown. Preliminaries disposed of, Bro. E. Wood, G.W.Tr., is announced, introduced with honours, and conducted to the seat of the D.C.T., Bro. Winton taking a seat by his side. Important as is the question that has called the body together, no inordinate length of time is to be taken up in discussion, so 9 o'clock is fixed upon by vote as the hour at which the opener of the debate is to reply, 9.30 and 9.45 being also proposed and rejected. An understanding is also arrived at that nobody unless by vote shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes. Then a brother moves the proposition from Citizen Lodge,

"In the opinion of this Lodge, the Middlesex District, containing nearly 150 Lodges, is too large an area to be worked by so small a body of officers. It is desirable that this District Lodge make application to Grand Lodge for two charters to suit requirements of Subordinate Lodges. Lines of demarcation to be from Postal Guide. Having regard to the Good of the Order, we believe it would help to improve our numbers and stop the leakage."

This is the special motion which the meeting has been summoned to discuss, but the mover confines himself to reading a written statement that it emanates solely from the Citizen Lodge, and has been instigated by nobody outside, and that in proposing it the Good of the Order has been the ruling motive. Some few seconds elapse and then a brother formally seconds, after which everybody looks at everybody, wondering what next, and next. Have the supporters of the motion turned tail or are they waiting for an absent champion to advocate their cause? Time goes on and presently it is moved and seconded "that the vote be now taken," and that within less than three-quarters of an hour of the opening of the session, Bro. Colbert comes to the rescue, however, and without supporting the motion suggests that the heavy declensions in the Order call for consideration with a view to a remedy. This appears to encourage the more timid spirits of the promoters of division, and one enthusiast e and demonstrative brother, denounces the sins of omission and commission of the Executive. Bros. Vincent, Blinkhorn, Fisk, Rainford, Grigsby, A. Brown, O'Brien against the motion, and Bros. Dabbs, Macrow, and Page in its favour, follow. Bro. Insull then spoke, and commences by disclaiming any pretension to the title of champion, denies that he had been up and down the District agitating the question; says he only visited four Lodges, and that at their invitation; cites the report of the G.W.C.T. in support of his contention that two D.L.'s are required; points out that at one period in its history, Middlesex numbered 10,000 members, and argues that the D.L. is quarrelling with him and not he with it, and that it is impossible for one D.L. to cope with the requirements of the county. Having spoken for 20 minutes, by permission, Bro. Insull resumes his seat. The previous decision to call upon the opener at nine is reconsidered, and Bro. Sutherland rises to reply to Bro. Insull, being in the anomalous position of having to answer arguments not advanced, which he urges should have been given. This brings Bro. Insull again to his feet with an explanation that he had meant to conclude by reading off his 12 reasons, and that he had an amendment. Bro. Sutherland resumes, asking when, as stated elsewhere by the previous speaker, D.L. first became inefficient? The motion, if carried, will strike a blow not at the unity of Middlesex only, but of the G.L. of England. Then Bro. Moloney shews that the declension in membership is not so large proportionately as that of England as a whole, the latter having decreased 70 per cent. since 1874, while Middlesex has diminished 33 per cent. only. Bro. Rev. T. R. Couch is not satisfied that D.L. should simply vote the proposition down, and therefore moves an amendment: "That in the opinion of this Lodge any division of the Middlesex D.L. would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Order." Then Bro. Winton's rising was the signal for a long-continued ovation, shewing the esteem and respect entertained for him by those he has served so well for 11 years past. Not for a little would he endure again the anxiety of the last three weeks, bearing, as he had, the attacks made upon him, not where he had opportunities of reply, but in his absence. Bro. Insull has told D.L. he only visited four Lodges, but they were representative gatherings, circulars inviting members having been sent far and wide. The Executive are charged with inability, but who has brought the D.L. to its present position? Who has watched over and tended the growth of the tree and made it the admiration of the world? Who introduced the V.D. system? Bro. Winton. He was present at the planting, so to speak, of the tree, and had protected it ever since and will still. Bro. Insull had spoken of promoting rivalry, but he never knew a man cut himself in two to make a rival. [The expression "a healthy rivalry," we learn was used.—Ed.] The brother has engaged in Blue Ribbon missions, but throughout the whole of them never asked the co-operation of the District Executive. Good Templars were conspicuous by their absence from his platform. As to his references to the G.W.C.T.'s report, he said nothing of the loss of 600 in E. and M. Surrey. He (Bro. Winton) sought the office of D.C.T., and if his re-election should at any time be successfully opposed would retire, but will not be kicked out by a side wind, and in the words of Wolseley cries "Hands off!" to those who want to divide. Bro. Winton, who has been frequently cheered, receives a second ovation as he resumes his seat after 20 minutes. The D.L. is now impatient to vote, and 173 vote for and 22 against the amendment. On its being put as a substantive motion, Bro. Insull offers an amendment: "That this D.L. respectfully requests the D.L. Executive to appoint a special commission of inquiry into the declension of the Order in this District, and make such report and suggestions as may appear in their wisdom necessary for the good of the Order, including a recommendation or otherwise for a second D.L. charter." This is ruled out of order, as in the only point in which it touches the motion it is a direct negative. The D.L., on appeal, sustains the decision of the chair, and Bro. Insull gives notice of appeal. As a substantive motion Bro. Couch's amendment is carried, and the yeas and nays are demanded, with the result—81 yeas and 20 nays. Thus Middlesex has emphatically declared against division, and the members, after an excited debate, troop out, and the hall is speedily cleared.

Scribe.

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Militart District.

D.C.T.—Quarter-Master Sergeant, O. G. L. Jones, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—Sister E. K. Gabb, Bazaar Coffee House, Farnborough-road, Farnborough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. Smith, 19, Hearn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Naval District.

D.C.T.—James Rae, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

G.S.J.T. — William Andrews, 50, Anglesea-road, Woolwich.

W.D.S.—William Davey, 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton, Kent.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tax from District Lodges for the past quarter received during the week as follows :—

1886.				£	s.	d.
April 7.—Tobago	...	...	...	0	10	6
„ 14.—Middlesex (Balance)	...		...	3	14	9
„ 16.—Hants	...	...	...	1	10	3
„ 19.—Barbados	...	...	...	0	5	0
				£6	0	0

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G.S.J.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

NEW TEMPLES.

No.	Name.	District.	Instituting Officers.
165	Sir Samuel Marling	Gloster, E.	Charles Smith
169	Little Rud	Cumberland, W.	John Cook
174	Hope of Ardsley (Sen.)	Yorks, S.W.	E. Hampshire
177	Emblem of Purity	Durham, S.	H. Weatherall
183	Harriet Wade	Yorks, E.	K. Thorp
187	Power of Truth	Leicester	John Wood
191	Rising Star	Hants, S.	E. Dyer
192	Lily of the Valley	Hants, N.	N. Goodyear
194	Wood Green	Oxon	W. J. Rae
204	Hope of Preston	Lancashire, N.	J. Cocks
205	Vernon	Middlesex	D. Gover
209	Hope of Childs' Hill	Middlesex	D. Gover
211	Hops of Reigate	Surrey, E. and M	J. J. Edwards
215	Thornton Excelsior	Lancashire N.	J. Cocks
466	Youthful Pioneers	Cumberland E.	G. S. Ward
610	Ark of Safety	Lancashire, S.W.	R. Anders
815	Hope of Woodhouse	Yorks, Cl.	Sam Roberts
915	Lily of the Valley	Durham, N.	J. A. Harrison

(Signed) Lydia A. Walshaw, G.S.J.T.

Northampton Good Templars Bachelors' Society.—The first annual meeting was held on Saturday evening, April 10, at the Abington-square Café, Northampton, Bro. W. Jesson, vice-president, in the chair. The reports, which were on the past half-year's work, were of a favourable character. Financially the society stands well. The members pay a small weekly subscription and as the working expenses are almost *nil* the sum raised is spent on various charitable objects, to relieve a sick brother, &c. Officers were elected for the coming half-year as follows: President, Bro. W. Blake, W.D.Sec. ; vice-presidents, Bro. F. Merriman, W.Sec. ; and Bro. W. W. Hadley, P.D.Sec., 9, Woodford-street, Northampton (who will be pleased to give any information on the working of the society); secretary and treasurer, Bro. H. Simpson, P.W.C.T. ; financial secretary, Bro. G. Denton, D.M.

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTED TO ATTEND THE

GRAND LODGE SESSION

AT NEWPORT, MON., 1886.

(The names in italics indicate new G.L. Members.)

Beds —Rev. S. J. Southwood.
Berks.—G. Hobbs, A. Lees.
Bucks —*Isaac Norman*, Mrs. Calladine.
Cambs.—G. W. Miller, H. Gape.
Cheshire, E. and M.—L. Ellison, J. J. Mason.
Cheshire, W.—J. Davies, J. Kennard, T. Lockhart.
Cornwall, E —W. H. Husband, *Hayes Kyd.*
Cornwall, W.—J. W. Trounson.
Cumberland, E.—George Bell, Thos. Todd.
Cumberland, W.—Rev. J. McNab, W. S. Tocker, J. Cook.
Derby.—W. Mart, T. W. Fines, R. Stevenson.
Devon, E.—W. J. Bradden, Miss E. Pryor.
Devon, N.—Rev. J. H. Taylor,
Devon, S.—Mrs. M. M. Wheeler, Mrs. J. Symons, E. A. Davies.
Dorset.—W. E. Holmwood, H. A. Rendell.
Durham, N.—W. H. Richardson, C. Gibbon, T. W. P. Taylder, A. Wardropper, J. Pattison, jun.
Durham, S.—W. Ayton, J Moseley, W. Dodgson, S. T. Parker, C. J. Seaman, T. W. Smyth.
Essex.—W. Searle, H. S. Church, L. Crow, J. B. Finch.
Gloucester, E.—J. H. Hopkins, Rev. E. Turland.
Gloucester, W.—J. W. Radfield, E. J. Gosse, Mr. J. Kennedy.
Gloucester, N.W.—A. E. Clark.
Hants, N.—W. E. Barley, Mrs. Burley.
Hants, S.—W. Williams, J. G. Rogers, *Rev. J. Squire*, E. Sillence, Mrs. Apsey.
Hereford.—
Hertford.—J Easton.
Hunts.—*W. Fuller.*
Isle of Wight.—H. J. Medley, T. Ellery.
Kent, East.—J. Chitty, W. J. Phillips, J. Nelson, Mrs. B. H. Burns, W. Whitmore.
Kent, Mid.—G. Graham, H. Randall, Mrs. E. L. Randall.
Kent, West.—J. Bowen, F. J. Hancock, W. McCubry.
Lancashire, N.—R. Mansergh, A. L. Garnett, G. French.
Lancashire, N.E.—E. Fowler, J. Hargreaves.
Lancashire, S. (Welsh).—J. J. Thomas, R. Jones.
Lancashire, S.E.—J. G. Tolton, J. R. Bennett, W. Gibbon, W. Whatmough, G. Coates, Mrs. A. Edwards.
Lancashire, S.W.—Mrs. A. M. Green, R. W. Williams, G. Clarke, R. W. Kirkus, Mrs. J. B. Collings, J. W. Hall, P. J. Whitehead.
Leicester.—A. Hillier, R. Lord, J. Peer, J. S. Vorley.
Lincoln.—Rev. W. Mainprize, Sister Smith.
Middlesex.—W. Winton, W. Sutherland, J. H. R. Moloney, E A. Gibson, Bro. Lambert, D. Gover, J. W. Jones, Sister E. A. Gibson, S. Insull, Sister F. D. Weeks, Bro. Lloyd, Mrs. Hasrnack, W. Lucas.
Monmouth.—W. H. Brown.
Norfolk.—*G. T. Porter*, C. Stacey-Watson.
Northampton, N.—Bro. Chambers.
Northampton, S.—B. Collyer, W. Abbott.
Northumberland.—W. Hobkirk, A. Robinson, W. Bailey, A. W. Wilkie, R. Davidson.
Nottingham.—J. Walker, J. Waine, T. Dalzell.
Oxfordshire.—F. A. Bunting.
Salop.—R. Balmer.
Somerset, East.—M. U. Ridge, A. E. Jones.
Somerset, Mid.—J. Moreland, H. Hyatt.
Somerset, West.—H. E. Cooke.
Staffs, N.—J. Johnson, J. W. Beswick, J. Heath.
Staffs, S.—H. Picton, N. Ball, W. F. Richards.
Suffolk.—S. Alexander, F. D. Unwin.
Surrey, E. and M.—N. W. Hubbard, C. Pinham, F. W. Dimbleby, J. J. Edwards, Mrs. H. Dimblehy, J. S. T. Hodges, F. W. Lewis.
Surrey, W.—H. J. Gill, L. J. Plymen.
Sussex.—P. Tree, Mrs. H. M. Carter, G. Cooper, Major S. Williams.
Warwick.—T. Humpherson, W. Wilde, Rev. W. H. Carlss.
Wiltshire.—J. Cave, Mrs. Davis.
Worcester.—R. W. Tomlinson, J. T. Forder.
Yorks, E.—Sister M. Woodall, F. Oliver, G. Todd.
Yorks, N.—A. Jesper, Bro. Myton.
Yorks, Central.—Rev. J. Deans, J. J. Wilkinson.
Yorks, Cleveland.—S. Parkinson, R. Skelton, H. Wilson.
Yorks, N W.—Miss E. J. Blakey, J. Walshaw.
Yorks, S.W.—Rev. H. J. Boyd, J. Brooks, E. C. Cocker. Sister E. Hampshire, C. J. Whitehead, Rev. T. J. Leslie.
Naval.—J. Rae, W. Davey, J. Baldry.
Military.—O. G. L. Jones, E. R. Smith, Rev. H. Drennan.

REPORT OF GRAND WORTHY TREASURER.

TO THE GRAND WORTHY CHIEF TEMPLAR, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,—I have to report that during the year ending January 31, 1886, the G.W. Sec. has paid to the Birmingham, Dudley, and District Banking Company (Limited) to the credit of the Grand Lodge of England £3907 3 2

	£	s.	d.			
Balance due to the bank on January 31,1886 as per pass book...	370	12	7			
Cheques issued but not presented	13	18	3			
				384	10	10
				£4291	14	0
On January 31, 1885, there was a balance due to the bank of	406	1	5			
Cheques issued but not presented during the year ending January 31, 1885 ...	105	2	7			
				511	4	0
During the year ending January 31, 1886, cheques have been drawn by vote of the Executive for				3736	9	0
Bank charges..				44	1	0
				£4291	14	0

The bank book is submitted herewith.—Yours very fraternally,

Edward Wood,
G.W.Treasurer.

GRAND LODGE EXECUTIVE AT BIRMINGHAM.

April 16,1886.

Present : G.W.C.T., G.W.Co., G.E.S., G.W.V.T., G.W.Sec., G.W.T., G.W.Chap.

Apology from the G.S.J.T.

The Trade report was submitted, and after consideration adopted.

The auditor's (Bro. R. L. Impey) report was submitted,in which he stated that he had examined and found correct the accounts of the past year,and that he noticed the "much improved results of the trading department, and the generally healthier look of the balance-sheet."

Monthly Accounts.—The monthly accounts were examined and passed and cheques authorised. The bank overdraft stood at £136 4s. 10d.

Executive's Report.—The report of the Executive was considered, and after discussion, adopted for presentation to Grand Lodge.

Lapsed Grand Lodge Members.—The G.W.Sec. presented a list of those whose membership had lapsed from various causes during the past year. The other business was connected with the forthcoming Grand Lodge Session. Meeting closed at 4.30.

John B. Collings, Hon. G.W.Sec.

ACCOMMODATION AT G.L. SESSION.

The Reception Committee have still a few beds on hand. All intending visitors will do well to write or wire to Bro. W. Jones, 14, Arthur-street, Secretary of Lodgings Committee.

Visitors are also requested to communicate at once with their hosts, particulars as to arrival in Newport, &c.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents are requested to notice the following instructions in forwarding items of news:—

No notice will be taken of communications unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

A.C.T.—We regret that out space would not admit of the publication of your letter as a whole.

A.G.C.—October 1, 1883. Post free 2d.

G. F.—It would be unfair for us to allow a one-sided discussion upon a document to be submitted to the Grand Lodge upon the eve of the Annual Session of that Body.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

THE UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE OF AN AMERICAN GENTLEMAN AND ITS VALUABLE RESULTS.

(New York Correspondence, London *Detroit Free Press.*)

The origin, growth, and final success of any enterprise are causes for the greatest public interest, whether relating to public institutions or private ventures. The Western continent has been especially marked by examples of this nature, and I am glad to record one which is so prominent as to be of universal interest. Several years since Mr. H. H. Warner, residing at Rochester, New York, became aware that what he supposed was an iron constitution, was becoming rapidly undermined, and that something of a mysterious nature seemed to be sapping his vitals. At first the indications were slight, consisting principally of frequent headaches, dull pains in various parts of the body, unaccountable lassitude and occasional nausea. He thought that perhaps these symptoms were the result of a cold, and gave them but little attention; but they increased and finally became alarming. Consultation with two prominent physicians revealed the fact that he was suffering from an acute attack of kidney disease, and to say that he was alarmed would be only to partially express his feelings. Under the most careful attention of the physicians, however, he failed to improve, and, in fact, grew worse constantly. His symptoms at this time were most serious. The slight troubles which he had first observed increased, and finally became intense. What originally were simple pains became the greatest agony. Occasional headaches and a lack of energy eventually resulted in the pains and horrors which only such troubles can bring. It was at this critical time that he heard of a tropical plant, which was reputed to be of great value in similar troubles. He had little faith in its power, but resolved to try it, as nothing else seemed in any way to relieve him. He therefore ceased taking the medicine of the doctors, began the use of the article referred to, and was aware in a very short space of time that it was greatly benefiting him. He continued its use faithfully, and as a result became perfectly cured, has been one of the most active men in the United States ever since, and is to-day a picture of perfect health.

Mr. Warner's experience caused him to thoroughly and most carefully investigate, and as a result he discovered that the majority of common diseases could be traced in their origin to disorders of the kidneys or liver. This was a revelation so startling in its nature that, as a duty to humanity, Mr. Warner felt impelled to make known to the world the great means by which he had been saved. Up to that time kidney diseases had increased at the rate of 25 per cent. each year for the past half score of years, and were still largely on the increase. With the end in view above described, however, Mr. Warner began preparing and selling the remedy referred to, since which time the demand for it has been remarkable. In all the history of the world there is no instance on record where so great a demand has been known as that at present existing for "Warner's Safe Cure" for all diseases of the kidneys, liver, and urinary organs. Were the call for this remedy a fictitious one, mortality from kidney troubles would now be as great as ever, but statistics shew that for the past few years there has been a marked decrease of deaths from this class of diseases, although the tendency towards kidney troubles is as great as ever throughout the entire United States. The theory, therefore, by which Mr. Warner advanced has been proven the correct one by reason of the decrease of mortality shewn by Government statistics.

Not long after presenting this medicine to the American public, Mr. Warner introduced it into Australia and Canada. Kidney and liver difficulties, as you know, are very prevalent in those countries, owing largely to the nature of the climate and influence of the atmosphere. The same results, however, which were noticeable in America were to be found in an equal degree there. The remedy conquered the disease.

Strange as it may seem, this great medicine which has become so popular in the United States and Canada, has not been advertised to any extent in England. I understand that some two years ago a depôt was established in London for the sale of the remedy, but the large amount of business coming from the demand here in the States prevented an extention of the field at that time. I have just learned, however, that Messrs. Warner and Co. have recently established themselves at 47, Farringdon-street, London, E.C., and intend to push their business in the kingdom of Great Britain as vigorously as they have done in the United States. On this fact the English public are to be congratulated. The financial and social standing of Messrs. H. H. Warner and Co. in the United States is second to that of no house with whom I am acquainted. The well-known public spirit and liberality of Mr. Warner in contributing to the wants of the South during the yellow fever epedemic; endowing the celebrated Warner Astronomical Observatory at Rochester, New York, at an expense of over £20,000, and encouraging the advancement of science by the generous expenditure of money in prizes for cometary and meteoric discoveries, are known to the entire world, and mark him as one of the leading patrons of science of this day. Success such as has been achieved by this house, and of so high an order, is wholly meritorious and deserved, and while it is phenomenal, it is none the less of the greatest value to all mankind.

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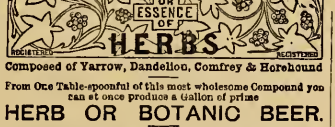

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MONDAY.

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Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hamestead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger. Coffee Palace, High st., Notting Hill Gate.
Grange Branch. Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop. St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon. 176 Pentonville-road.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood. 32, Besson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCree. 3, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road. 8.30.
Jabez Burns Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Ts., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
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WEDNESDAY.

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Weston-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
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The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Gordon. Paradise-road School, Clapham-rd.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Loughborough Park, Brixton.
Heart's Content. 68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-rd., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
London Ark of Safety. Hoxton Academy Sch., Hoxton-st. 8.15.
Pelmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Prim. Meth. School, Grayshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street. Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim. Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
West London Pioneer. Royal Standard Coffee Tavern, Beer-street, Edgware-road.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, King-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinboro' Castle Coffee Palace, Rhodeswell-road, E
Grosvenor.—Teetotal Hall, George-st., Sloane-st., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Brook-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian Schoolroom, Waterloo-road, Thomas Carlyle. Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorogood. Working Men's Club, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st. Islington Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Communal-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly School, Bonner Lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's Sch. room, Albert-road. 7.30.
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BEDFORD.—Sir W. Harpur. Trinity School-room, House-street.
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Wells. School-room, Waterloo-road.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine Market Hall Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—British Rose. Templars' Miss. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.),
RADCLIFFE.—Radcliffe. G. P. Hall, Green-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richboro' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Victoria. Drill Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
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FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Sechel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—St. phen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HULL.—Paragon. G. P. Hall, St. John's-street Juv. Temp. 8.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 20, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.).—Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
WOODFORD.—Alexander. Wilfrid Lawson Temperance Hotel.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook. National School-room.
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ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
CHESTER.—Cestrian. Presbyterian Lecture Room, Newgate-st.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
HULL.—Union. Templars' Hall, Posterogate. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Whitson-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Temple of Honour. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Sung Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Hartshead.
SPALDING.—Hand in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe. Sailors' Welcome.
WINDSOR.—Royal Windsor. Templars Hall, St. Leonard's-road.

FRIDAY.

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Schl. Rm., 8.15
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
FOLKESTONE.—Safeguard of Folkestone. Congregational School.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort. Church Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TOBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
WINCHESTER.—Itchen Valley. St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
YORK.—Harbour of Friendship. Lendal School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Concillo et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chapel School-room, Ebrington-street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Catte Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Elizabeth-street), Carlton. Monday.

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ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Aden, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
RAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort. Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp, Wed.
EGYPT.—Lorne. N.W. Block, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. SUPERB, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison. Cairo Restaurant. Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
MALTA.—Shropshire Guiding Star. a., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—Red, White and Blue. I.G.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
PORTSEA.—Nil Desperandum. Cairo Restaurant. Thursday. 7.
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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTH.

SEELY.—April 20, at The Retreat, Hackney, London, the wife of Bro. Reginald Seely (of Trinity Lodge), of a son.

MARRIAGE.

TOMPKINS—WIGLEY—On 18th inst., at Aston, Birmingham, Bro. A. Tompkins, P.W.D.S., Bedfordshire, Associate Temple Lodge, London, to Miss Gertrude Wigley, of Aston.

EXPULSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

The following letter from Bro. R. Sands, of Whitehaven, has previously appeared in our columns, and its proposals have had the consideration of the G.L. Executive. As the subject will doubtless come up for discussion at Newport, we republish the letter at the suggestion of the Executive:—

"It is with a view to retain as many of our members as possible that I desire to make a suggestion in a direction rather different from anything hitherto proposed. At last G.L. Session a proposition was made, that "No member should be suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues." This was not adopted, because, I think, of the condition appended, viz.: that any member duly notified who shall neglect or refuse to pay, when able, may be charged with contempt. It is, however, I think, a sound principle that no member should be suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues. It seems somewhat inconsistent to impose on members a life-long obligation, and to initiate them with all the secrets of our Order, and then, although they remain faithful to the pledge, if they are either unable or unwilling to pay the subscription we cast them off, leave them to do as they like regarding the life-long pledge, and cease to have any supervision or control over them. Now the remedy I suggest is this:—*To provide a place within the Order for members who from any cause whatever cease to pay their quarterly dues.* This might be done by amending the constitution so as to provide:—1st. That all persons joining the Order shall remain members for life, except they are legally expelled or resign their membership in writing. 2nd. After all has been done which the law requires for obtaining the quarterly dues, and failed, the names of those who are two quarters in arrear shall be reported to the Lodge, and (unless it is deemed prudent to adopt any special means) they shall then be transferred to the *roll of non-subscribing members.* Non-subscribing members would not be entitled to the password, and could not therefore attend the regular meetings of the Lodge, on any matter of business, but in lieu of this they might be furnished with a non-subscribers' card, which would admit them to one or two sessions each quarter, set apart for their reception, and being in possession of the unwritten work, the business of the Lodge could proceed as on any other Lodge session; but on such occasions it would be desirable to have as much time as possible appropriated to the good of the Order, when the non-subscribing members might be invited to take part, and have their names on the Lodge programme. They should be regularly visited, say, once a quarter, and should anyone be known to have violated the obligation, he should be reported as any other member, and be dealt with in precisely the same manner, and be at liberty to come up to any regular Lodge session for re-obligation. Should any non-subscribing member wish at any time to resume his priviledges of full membership, he could do so by paying the current quarter's dues, when he would receive the password and have his name transferred to the roll of ordinary members. The advantages will be as follows:—1st. The members would understand that abstention from the Lodge and non-payment of dues would not deprive them of membership or absolve them from their life-long obligation. 2nd. We should have a much larger membership, and thus gain the advantage and influence which numbers can give. There would be no difficulty as to the payment of the tax as the returns would shew the number of regular and non-subscribing members separately, giving a grand total of the whole. 3rd. It would put us on an equal footing with other societies, such as the C.E.T.S., whose subscription is merely nominal. I might mention other advantages but the above may suffice. I shall be glad to hear what can be said for and against this scheme, and if it should ultimately lead to the adoption of a well-considered method, adding to the strength and efficiency of our noble Order, my object will be accomplished."
—R. SANDS.

PRESENTATION.—At the closing session of the Cleethorpes Primitive Methodist Bible-class, held on Friday evening, April 16, a handsome timepiece was presented to Bro. Rev. W. Mainprize, D.C.T. for Lincoln. Addresses testifying to the benefits received from the class and from Bro. Mainprize's general ministry were given by several of the members, all of whom are active Temperance workers.

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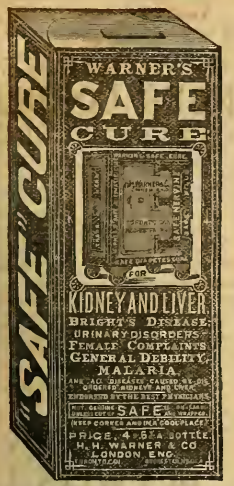

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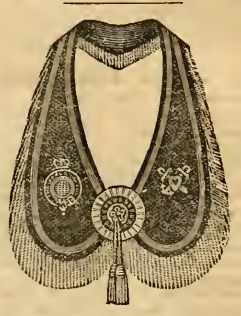

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GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, I.O.G.T. ANNUAL SESSION.

HELD AT NEWPORT, MON., EASTER, 1886.

The Annual Session of our Grand Lodge was opened on the afternoon of Easter Monday, in the Royal Albert Hall, Newport. A number of Reps. and visitors had arrived during the previous week, and some had visited the picturesque scenery of South Wales, and enjoyed rambles on the Monmouthshire Hills. On Saturday evening, the 24th ult., a

GREAT JUVENILE DEMONSTRATION

was held as the first public meeting in connection with the Grand Lodge Session, in the Royal Albert Hall, in support of the Juvenile Order. The attendance was large, and a right good start was made. E. Grove, Esq., who presided, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Newport, and alluded to the town as having a population of 45,000 and over 180 public-houses. To get rid of these licensed temptations they needed enthusiasm, which, he hoped, they would derive from the meeting of the Grand Lodge in their town. The claims of the Juvenile Order were ably advocated by Sister Walshaw, G.S.J.T., Bro. Samuel Insull, Rev. Joseph Aston, G.W.Chap, Rev. J. McNab, Rev. C. Aylliffe. Amongst those present we noticed Bro. and Sister Eccles, Bro. and Sister Stacey Watson, Bro. P. G. Whitehead, Bro. J. Walshaw.

The Juvenile Templars, about 400, were present, wearing the regalia of the Order, and gave selections of music in a spirited style, reflecting great credit upon themselves and upon the conductor and accompanist. During the evening the children listened very attentively to the addresses, and were evidently interested equally with the adults, and far beyond the generality of children, and their behaviour was a credit to their teachers.

At the close of the meeting it was stated that Monmouth had for the second time won the Juvenile Templar Challenge Shield. The announcement evoked great enthusiasm.

On Easter Sunday a large number of Temperance sermons were preached in the various places of worship.

THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL SERMON

was preached in the afternoon by the Grand Worthy Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Joseph Aston, in the Town Hall. The platform was well filled, and the singing led by the Blue Ribbon Choir. Bro. Robert Mansergh, P.G.W.C., conducted the opening service, and Bro. Rev. J. Thornley, of Sheffield, offered prayer.

Bro. Rev. Joseph Aston took for his text the 16th verse of the 17th chapter of Acts: "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens his spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given up to idolatry."

The following is a condensed report of the address, which was listened to with close attention:—

The Apostle Paul had such a grand conception of the importance of the Mission to which God had called him, that it was impossible for him at any time to wait in idleness. The work to be done was so vast, and the time to do it in so short, that his heart ever burned to be engaged. Hence we find as he waits at Athens for Silas and Timotheus to come to him, he busied himself to ascertain the condition of the people in that city. Passing along the streets, his spirit was stirred in him; a paroxysm of agony seized his whole nature as he gazed upon the great number of idols, which were exhibited everywhere; these led him to the conclusion the whole city was given up to idolatry. Our historian tells us in ancient Athens the gods were so numerous it was easier to find a god than a man, there were so many the city was full of them. Paul being a Jew, and knowing the command "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth," could not look upon the many images in Athens without feeling stirred. Any sense of art beauty which he may have had was overpowered by his horror at the thought that men bowed down and worshipped these idols instead of the true God. I have selected these words as a text upon which to base a few remarks on Temperance, as I consider they very aptly express the feelings of all Good Templars and Temperance reformers as they look upon the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and at the misery and woe attendant upon the same. Paul saw God dishonoured in the city of Athens by the idolatry of the people. We see God dishonoured by the intemperate habits of the people, and God forbid that we should look upon these things without feeling our hearts stirred in us.

We rejoice in the progress made by the Temperance movement during the last half-century. The pioneers of this movement found the ministers of the Gospel with few exceptions out of sympathy with them, if not opposed to them, and the pulpits of our churches and chapels nearly all closed against those who desired to advocate this cause. Now it is just the opposite, we are pleased to recognise the fact that the Christian Church has aroused herself to stem the tide of intemperance, and to aid the Temperance cause. This is as it should be, for ministers of the Gospel have as their text-book the Word of God; and as we look over our Bibles we find throughout intemperance and drunkenness condemned and Temperance and sobriety taught. Solomon in his Proverb says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," chap. xx. 1; and in another place he attributes woe, sorrow, contentions, babbling, and wounds to drinking. Isaiah pronounces a woe upon drinkers, v. 11, and Habbakuk a woe on those who tempt others to drink. ii. 15. Jesus bade His disciples to take heed lest at any time their hearts be overcharged with drunkenness. Luke xxi. 34, and Paul in his Epistle to the Corinthians tells us no druokard shall inherit the Kingdom of God. Our gathering to-day represents a Gospel Temperance organisation, consisting of men and women of all ranks of society, and of boys and girls, who are banded together to do their utmost to remove this great evil of intemperance from our land. We notice

1.—*All Temperance workers feel their hearts stirred in them as they look upon the evils of intemperance.*

We have those with us to-day who have felt stirred for years past, and to-day they are moved as much as ever, for in spite of all the efforts of the past 50 years the evil is in our midst to-day. Everyone will admit that intemperance is an evil, a fruitful source of poverty, misery, disgrace, crime and death. Admitting this to be the case the wonder is that more are not stirred to earnest efforts to remove the evil. We know that as the drink-tide of a nation rises, happiness and comfort sink, and degradation and misery rise. We have in this drink traffic an evil which causes more misery and sorrow and more deaths than pestilence, war and famine combined. As we have read the accounts of the sufferings and deaths caused by pestilence and famine, we have been moved to pray that the Lord would remove the scourge. As we have pictured the horrible scenes, which eye-witnesses behold on the battle-field, and have thought of the sufferings and sorrow which would follow we have prayed, "Oh, Lord, hasten the time when war shall be no more." But dreadful as the horrors of war may be, and we admit they are dreadful, yet compared to the horrors attendant on intemperance they are insignificant. If it can be said of war it slays its thousands, it may be said of drink it slays its tens of thousands. We see much of the misery and woe caused by drink, yet we see but a small percentage. There is far more that we are never permitted to look upon. Loving hearts hide much: husbands with crushed spirits, and wives with broken hearts when in our presence put on a smile and appear to be happy, and yet all the time their burden of sorrow is almost more than they can bear. Parents, bowed down with sorrow owing to the intemperate habits of a loved son, will not let us know how much they have to bear, or how bitter their cup is. This evil is one which robs home of all its attractions and comforts, and many once happy homes are to-day desolate. Families once united by the tenderest ties of love have been scattered by this foe, and those who were once the pride and joy of home have been disgraced and ruined. We have heard much about the "bitter cry" of outcast London and of "Horrible London." We ask what causes the bitter cry. We answer, to a very large extent, "drink." Hearts crushed cry out in bitterness and the misery and shame which follow make it horrible. It is an evil we all have suffered from more or less. No evil robs the Christian Church as this, it has entered her pulpits and dragged down her brightest stars and most eloquent ministers, and to-day they are hiding away from society in shame. It has entered our colleges and cursed those who were studying for the ministry; it has degraded some of her most useful officials and members, and has proved the ruin of thousands of Sunday-school scholars. It is a great hindrance to the spread of the Gospel both at home and abroad; it is the great stumbling-block that we desire to have removed.

Our *jealousy for God's glory* caused our hearts to be stirred within us. We see God dishonoured, and man who was created in His own image, and who has an infinite soul degraded and ruined body and soul for ever and ever. We pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven," but here is a great evil in our midst, which hinders the spread of His Kingdom.

Our *compassion for the suffering ones causes* our hearts to be stirred in us. We think of the broken-hearted wives, whose days are days of sadness and sorrow, we think of parents dragged down to the grave with the bitterness of grief, we look at the poor neglected, cruelly-treated, half-starved little ones with no one to care for them, and our heart is stirred within us as we look on such sights.

The *thought that our own loved ones as they grow up will be exposed to danger stirs our hearts.* So long as this evil is allowed to exist there is a danger that our sons and daughters may be cursed by it. That boy who is to-day the pride of his father, and whose life seems so full of promise, is in danger of

being dragged down and ruined by this foe. That daughter, who is the joy of her mother, and beloved by all, is in danger of being led astray by this evil, and the pure and innocent one is in danger of being stained and polluted. There is a possibility of your loved ones, parents, being cursed. Can you think of it and be unmoved? God forbid! but may all feel stirred to action. We are charged with being too enthusiastic and with shewing too much earnestness. Those who prefer the charge surely cannot realise the greatness of the evil. I am satisfied that if we all saw this evil in its true light, instead of lessening our earnestness we should be far more earnest.

II.—*Temperance Workers being stirred put forth Efforts to Remove the Evil.*

When Paul felt his spirit stirred in him he did not return home and sit deploring the state of things which prevailed in the city, but he determined to exert himself, and, if possible, effect a change. In the next verse we read, "He disputed in the synagogue with the Jews, and the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him." He pointed out the error and taught them a better way, preaching Christ unto them. In so doing, we see his consistency. There was the evil; he saw it, and put forth efforts to remove it. As Temperance workers it should be our determination to act as Paul acted. Let us be consistent: we see the evil, let our aim be to remove it. There are many people who declare themselves in favour of Temperance, and profess to be deeply concerned for the progress of the Temperance cause, who do little to extend its principles. They content themselves with grieving over the evil, and the misery and woe caused by intemperance. Let all unite for the overthrow of this evil, and, with God's blessing, the victory ere long shall be ours. If you would help in the removal of this evil, let me remind you that, first of all, it is necessary you yourself shall be free, otherwise you will have no influence. Had Paul to the least extent patronised the evil he saw in Athens, when he declared himself opposed to it, his words would have been as idle words to those who listened. *So with those who would help in removing the evil of intemperance from our land, it is important that they shall not in the least patronise that which causes the intemperance they deplore.* The moderate drinker will never be a successful advocate of the Temperance cause—his example is on the wrong side. Until you first abstain yourself you are not the one to war against "strong drink"; you are not the one to go to rescue the perishing, and to shew to the poor drunkard a safe and better way. Depend upon it your way is not a safe way for the drunkard to walk in. He will never be safe until he takes the path of abstinence. Let all sign the pledge, and then stand out boldly for the cause they have espoused, and do their utmost to aid in the spread of Temperance. As you look at the poor fallen ones, who are the victims of strong drink, remind yourself they are your brothers and sisters, fallen though they are, and let that compassion which moved the Saviour to come to save you, move you to do your utmost to save them from the evil which has cursed them. And if you would do your utmost you must sign the pledge. We want the spirit of Paul when he said, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while this world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." (1 Cor. viii. 13.) You may yourself be strong, but for the sake of your weak brother become as one that is weak that you may gain him. And remember, many of those who are to-day with the fallen ones once made their boast that they were strong; but alas! the strong one has been overcome. *Again, if you would do your utmost to remove this evil, join hands with those* who are engaged in this warfare, connect yourself with some Temperance organisation. Thus connected, you will be able to accomplish more than you will do by standing aloof. As a nation, we owe much to the Temperance societies that exist. The late Lord Shaftesbury said, "But for Temperance societies we, as a nation, should have been plunged into such a flood of drunkenness and immorality as to render our country uninhabitable." If I must recommend to you a society, I would most heartily recommend the one represented here to-day, the Independent Order of Good Templars. It has been pronounced the most complete of any; it is an Order which recognises the universal brotherhood of man, and is a thorough Gospel Temperance organisation; knowing that our success depends on God blessing our efforts, our Order requires all its members to believe in His existence. Our weekly meetings are all opened and closed with prayer, and over all that joint prayer is offered that they may be strengthened in the hour of temptation, and be kept faithful until death.

In our efforts we are encouraged, and though the evil still exists to a very alarming extent, our trust is in God. In His name we go forward and labour on, assured that victory shall ere long be proclaimed on our side. The foe is strong, but with God on our side we have no cause for fear; we march forward to sure and certain victory. The day shall come when the foe shall be vanquished and our land shall be free. May God haste that day. Amen.

THE GRAND LODGE SESSION

was formally opened on Monday afternoon at 2.30. We postpone a report of the proceedings, so as to make it the more complete in our next issue. After the Grand Lodge Degree had been conferred upon 73 candidates,

DEPUTATIONS

were introduced from kindred societies. Mr. Edwin Grove and Mr. Charles Barfoot welcomed the Grand Lodge to Newport on behalf of the Band of Hope Union; Mr. Linden Moore spoke for the Star of Usk Tent of the Rechabite Order; Bro. W. H. Brown on behalf of the South Monmouth District of the same Order, and Mr. E. J. Smith for the Newport Temperance Society.

Mr. E. H. Carbutt, M.P., introduced a deputation from the United Kingdom Alliance. The hon. member remarked upon his friendship with Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and to his having often voted with him on Temperance questions.

Bro. Malins, G.W.Ó.T., in reply, expressed special pleasure at the presence of the borough member, and to his being in Parliament the right man in the right place. He also expressed concurrence in the aims of all the societies represented.

Cheers were given for the deputations as they retired, and the latter, led by Mr. Carbutt, M.P., returned the compliment.

On the rising of Grand Lodge a

TEA MEETING AND GREAT PUBLIC RECEPTION MEETING

were held. A very large number sat down to tea in the Tabernacle School-room, Dock-street, and at 7.30 a crowded meeting was held in the Royal Albert Hall, presided over by E. H. Carbutt, Esq., M.P. for the borough of Newport. There were present on the platform Alderman J. R. Jacob, H. Phillips, Esq., J.P., E. Grove, Esq., Bro. Rev. C. H. Poppleton, Bros. Gilbert Archer, G.W.C.T. of Scotland, W. T. Raper, G.W.C.T. of Wales, J. Malins, G.W.C.T., George Dodds, G.W.Co., J. Kempster, G.E.S., Sister Walshaw, G.S.J.T., Sister Robson, G.W.V.T., Jno. B. Collings, G.W.Sec., Edward Wood, G.W.T., Rev. J. Aston, G.W.Chap., J. Derrington, G.W.M., J. Walshaw, P.G.W.M., A. E. Eccles, P.G.W.T., and many others.

The Blue Ribbon Choir (under the leadership of Mr. W. Nathan) gave a selection of music during the evening.

After prayer by Bro. Rev. Joseph Aston, G.W. Chap., the chairman, E. H. Carbutt, Esq., M.P., who was very heartily received, said that he was pleased to be present in order to welcome the Grand Lodge of England, a society that was doing its best to wage war with the evils of intemperance—which the Prime Minister said had done more to cause poverty than "war, pestilence, and famine," and there was no doubt the present House of Commons was in earnest to do all it could to further the Temperance movement by legislation. Unfortunately, they had lost their leader, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, but they hoped soon to see him back in his place again. Although only three months have passed since Parliament had been in session, one Sunday Closing Bill had passed that House—that of the County of Durham; that had now to go to the House of Lords. He was glad to know that Good Templars had opened Lodges in Belgium, in Hamburg, and also in Norway and Sweden and other parts of the world; but here, in this country, they were mostly engaged and doing good work. He was glad to have met their Grand Chief—Grand Master—(laughter)—Mr. Malins. (Applause.) He had had much correspondence with him, but had never met him till that day. It was always a pleasure to meet a correspondent. He had great pleasure in welcoming him as their Chief that evening. (Applause.)

Short but hearty addresses of welcome were also given by Edwin Grove, Esq., Rev. J. H. Poppleton, Henry Phillips, Esq., J.P. The speeches of welcome were responded to by Bro. Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., who expressed the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge to the chairman and those who had spoken on behalf of the local societies for their cordial welcome, but he was the worst man in the world to be called upon on such occasions as these. He was always a much better man at the close of a G.L. Session than at the beginning; for the mere preparation for it pretty nearly wore any one out. It had been rightly said that many of them were captains and leaders, which was true; for every one of the representatives present had been elected to represent 500 good and true Good Templars, so that each represented a host of individuals, everyone being a troop of 500—and such a troop—(laughter and applause)—some of them—all of them people of merit—more or less—(laughter)—mostly more—(laughter)—many of them people of culture, and some that cannot be polished any way. (Laughter.) There never existed in this world an assembly so completely representative of society as Good Templary; for it received the shoeblack and the orangewoman as well as the member of Parliament and the marquis. Bro. Malins then gave some sketches of members present and the work they were engaged in.

The meeting was also addressed by Bros. Gilbert Archer, G.W.C.T. of Scotland, Geo. Dodds, John Kempster, Sister Walshaw, Sister Gray, R. W. D. M. (late of Antwerp), &c. The meeting was in every sense a most successful one, the hall was packed, the speeches short and hearty, and the audience enthusiastic.

THE NEW G.L. EXECUTIVE.

On Wednesday the officers were elected as follows:—

G.W.C.T., Joseph Malins, Birmingham.
G.W.Co., John Edwards, Manchester.
G.S.J.T., Joseph Walshaw, Halifax.
G.E.S., John Kempster, London.
G.W.V.T., Catherine Impey, Street.
G.W.S., John B. Collings, Liverpool.
G.W.T., Josiah Derrington, Birmingham.
G.W.Ch., William Winton, London.
G.W.M., Rev. W. Mainprize, Lincoln.

THE POOLE PERJURY CASE.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM MR. JOHN BRIGHT.

In reply to a resolution sent him from the Birmingham Convention of Lodges, the Right Hon. John Bright wrote to Bro. J. Powell: Dear Sir,—I have signed a memorial [which Mr. McIver had charge of.—Ed.] on behalf of Henry Williams, and shall be glad if the appeal to the Home Secretary is successful. I think the case against Williams most hurtful and the sentence oppressive and barbarous.—Yours respectfully, JOHN BRIGHT.

DEFINITIONS OF THE I.O.G.T.

The following definitions of the I.O.G.T. may be used either partially or as a whole, in a speech explanatory of the principles and objects of the Order. Good Templary is

1. Earnest Temperance.
2. Educational Temperance.
3. Religious Temperance.
4. Persevering Temperance.
5. Progressive Temperance.
6. Systematic Temperance.
7. Sympathetic Temperance.
8. Political Temperance.
9. Successful Temperance.
10. Uncompromising Temperance.

Good Templar.

Foote, the comedian, travelling in the West of England, dined one day at an inn. When the cloth was removed the landlord asked him how he liked his fare. "I have dined as well as any man in England," said Foote. "Except the Mayor," cried the landlord. "I do not except anybody whatever," said he. "But you must!" screamed the host. "I won't!" "You must!" At length the strife ended by the landlord (who was a petty magistrate) taking Foote before the Mayor, who observed that it had been customary in that town for a great number of years always to "except the Mayor," and accordingly fined him a shilling for not conforming to ancient custom. Upon this decision Foote paid the shilling, at the same time observing that he thought the landlord the greatest fool in Christendom—except the Mayor.

REPORT OF GRAND LODGE EXECUTIVE.

To the G. L. of England, I.O.G.T. Newport, Monday, Easter, 1886.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

1. During the year your Executive have held eleven meetings, as follow:—Birmingham, May 18th and June 5th; London, July 15th; Birmingham, August 14th and September 15th; Manchester, October 12th; Birmingham, December 4th; Grimsby, January 22nd; Northampton, March 16th; Birmingham, April 16th; Newport, April 26th. Attendance: — G.W.C.T., 11; G.W.Co., 6; G.S.J.T., 8; G.E.S., 9; G.W.V.T., 11; G.W. Sec., 11; G.W. Tr. 8; G.W.Chap., 10; G.W.M., 11. The absence of the G.W.Co., owing to continued illness, has been a cause for regret, and your Executive rejoice in his recovery.

2. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.—The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

Appeals Committee.—Bros. J. Harrison, W. Cheshire; R. Sands, Cumberland, W.; Rev. W. Ennor, Isle of Wight; Rev. J. J. Cooper, Northampton, S.; A. R. Bolwell, Somerset, E.

Negro Mission Committee.—Bros. Rev. J. Mackenzie, Durham, N.; Rev. H. J. Boyd, Yorks., S.W.; J. Glaisyer, Yorks., N.; Sisters C. Impey, Somerset, Mid.; M. E. Docwra, Essex; A. M. Green, Lancashire, S.W.; Lizzie Osborn, Gloucester, W.; with all members of the R.W.G.L. Committee resident in this jurisdiction as *ex-officio* members.

Orphanage Committee.—Sisters Lucas, Middlesex; Robson, Cheshire, W.; Brothers J. Malins, Warwick; C. Stacey-Watson, Norfolk; F. W. Dimbleby, Surrey, E. and M.

Political Action Committee:—Brothers John Kempster, Essex; John Mann, Surrey E. and M.; J. W. Padfield, Gloucester, W.; J. H. Retallack-Moloney, Middlesex; N. W. Hubbard, Surrey, E. and M.; W. Dodgson, Durham, S.; J. R. Weatherill, Lancashire, S.E.

The following Special Committees were also appointed:—

Reform of the Order Committee.—Bros. J. Derrington, Worcester; J. W. Hopkins, Gloucester, E.; J. E. Poulter, Warwick; D. Y. Scott, Warwick; W. Dodgson, Durham, S.

Committee on Lodge Programmes.—Bros. J. E. Poulter, Warwick; D. Y. Scott, Warwick; W. Hobkirk, Northumberland; Sisters Young, Stafford, S.; M. E. Docwra, Essex.

Committee on Hymn Books.—Bros. J. Malins, Warwick; R. P. J. Simpson, Cheshire, W. (Scc.); Rev. W. Mottram, Gloucester, W.; E. Herbert, Isle of Wight; J. W. Hopkins, Gloucester, E.; Rev. E. Franks, Lancashire, S.W.; Sister Young, Stafford, S.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM LAST GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge referred several resolutions to us at last session, which were dealt with as follows:—(Digest) 99 and 100 (referring to the claim of a *transferred* P.C.T. to the P.C.T.'s chair) not adopted, as the R.W.G.L.'s decision in 1875 was in accordance with Grand Lodge action. No. 101 (Transfer of Naval Lodges) not adopted. No. 102 (Transfer of Military Lodges). The Executive were in favour of the Naval and Military being on the same footing, except in cases when the regiment is transferred for a known period exceeding six months. No 103 (in favour of R.W.G.L. fixing uniform fees for G.L. Degrees,) not adopted. Nos. 104, 105, 106 (in favour of Lodge Directory). The Executive were of opinion that it was undesirable to issue a Lodge Directory, inasmuch as the former publication of one was not largely supported, and resulted in considerable loss. No. 107 (Visiting Deputies at disembarking stations for Naval and Military Lodges) referred to the G.W.C.T., with powers. No. 108 (publication of list of D.Secs.). Resolved to print in WATCHWORD. No. 112*k* (Temperance Sermons), adopted. No. 113*l* (urging the use of the Press), first paragraph adopted. No. 114*m* (Special Programme Committee) adopted. The G.L. at last session favoured the issue of a pocket certificate, on which a member of full service in his Lodge or Lodges could be duly certified; and the same has, after consultation with R.W.G.L. officers, been prepared and will shortly be issued.

4. OUR ORDER AND KINDRED SOCIETIES.

a. DEPUTATIONS TO SISTER GRAND LODGES.—The following represented us at the Annual Sessions of Sister Grand Lodges:—Welsh Grand Lodge, Sister Robson, G.W.V.T., and Bro. A. E. Eccles, P.G.W.T.; Grand Lodge of Ireland, Bro. Rev. W. Mottram, P.G.W.Chap.; English Grand Lodge of Wales, Bro. D. Y. Scott, P.G.W.Co.; Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., and Bro. and Sister Osborn; Grand Lodge of Channel Islands, Bro. Winton, P.G.W.C.T.

We have also been represented at other important gatherings as follows:—North Staffordshire Temperance Demonstration, Bro. Rev. J. Aston, G.W.Ch.; British Temperance League, Bro. R. Mansergh, P.G.W.Co.; Rechabite Jubilee Meetings, Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., &c., &c.; National Coffee House Conference, Bro. J. Harrison, P.D.C.T.; West of England League, Bro. J. Rae; North of England League, Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., Bro. Dodds, G.W.Co., Sister Robson, G.W.V.T., Bro. Collings, G.W.Sec.; United Kingdom Alliance, by the Executive as a whole; Church Congress (Temperance Meeting), Bro. Rev. W. H. Cariss; Midland Temperance League, Bro. D. Y. Scott, P.G.W.Co.; Sunday Closing Association, Bro. J. Edwards, P.G.W.C.T.

5. INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE IN BELGIUM.

The G.W.C.T. and Sister Gray, P.G.D.M., represented their G.L. at the conference at Antwerp, and we learn that in addition to the conference—which was conducted in French—an English Juvenile meeting and an English adult meeting was held; a women's meeting was held, resulting in the formation of the first Women's Abstinence Society on the Continent; and soon afterwards another meeting followed at Brussels, where the first native General Abstinence Society in Belgium was formed.

6. NATIONAL TEMPERANCE FEDERATION.

This G.L. has during the past year been represented on the Federation by Bros. Malins, Kempster, Hilton, Mann, and Maloney. Since Grand Lodge the Rechabites have withdrawn, owing to their being a non-political benefit society; while the Methodist Free Church Temperance League, and Primitive Methodist Temperance Society have joined. Early in the year a communication was sent to every Member of Parliament, wherein all the federated societies protested against the proposed mutilation of the entire Sunday Closing Bill in the summer the Federation vainly sought to induce the Premier, Mr. Gladstone, to receive a deputation, and it subsequently sent him a joint memorial clearly demanding the inclusion of the Direct Veto power in any Government Local Option measure, but no reply was received prior to the speedy change of Government. At the Federation's Autumnal Meeting at Manchester, a Sunday Closing and Direct Veto Manifesto to electors on the pending General Election was adopted, and was widely published—no such united call for prohibitory political action having previously been issued. Separate memorials were promoted and collectively presented from the Federated Societies in relation to the Poole Perjury case. The Government was interrogated and counsel's opinion was sought with a view to stop the hawking of intoxicants on railway platforms, but the replies scarcely warranted legal proceedings. The Federation has secured the names of different new M.P.'s to back their Bill to so Amend, &c., the Truck Act, as to prevent part-payment of Agricultural labourers' wages in intoxicants. The Bill has been considered at the conference of Temperance members of Parliament; and certain difficultiee in the way Bill, it is hoped, be soon overcome. The Federation, at its annual meeting, agreed to consult the federated societies as to whether, in view of Government delays, a Bill embodying the Direct Veto and other restrictions should be drafted; whether it would be wisest to press a Bill to suspend the further issue of drink licences, pending the enactment of Local Option; whether Mr. M'Lagan should be pressed to at once extend his Scotch Local Option Bill, so as to include England; or whether it is expedient to first concentrate support on Mr. M'Lagan's Bill for Scotland. The carrying out of two successful sectional conferences, under the auspices of the Federation, are dealt with in the G.W.C.T.'s Report.

7. NATIONAL TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE.

On the invitation of the Committee of the Social Science Congress, your Executive designated Bros. Malins, Kempster, and Wood to represent the G.L. at the National Conference of Drink-trade and Temperance Delegates, held in London, Feb. 25, 26, when Bro. Kempster led off in the first debate, and Bro. Malins contributed one of the papers on "Compensation." The latter, an exhaustive document, has appeared in full in the GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD and in the *Alliance News*. The desire for its issue in pamphlet form has been so marked that your Executive determined to issue a large edition of 32 pages at one penny, and of this the United Kingdom Alliance has ordered 5,000 copies. Your Executive urge the immediate and general circulation of this as the cheapest and most complete paper ever published on a question, which may be strongly pressed by our opponents in the near future. Your Executive were glad to find that the D.L.'s of Beds, Cambridge, Oxford, and West Kent sent delegates, and wish that other nearer D.L.'s had also been represented.

8. HOME MISSION FUND.

In consequence of the vote of last Grand Lodge your Executive were compelled to give their very earnest consideration to this department. The work of Bro. D. Y. Scott, Superintendent of Home Missions, was evidently greatly appreciated by the various Districts, and the constant demands upon his time were very heartily responded to. The fact, however, remained that the contributions fell so far short of meeting the expenses incurred, that your Executive felt they had no alternative but to terminate the engagement with Bro. D. Y. Scott, as there seemed no prospect of the income increasing sufficiently to warrant the continuance of his services; at the same time conveying to Bro. Scott their high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered to the Order by him, and their regret that the financial position of the department was not such as to enable them to retain his services.

Bro. J. Wrathall has continued to do good work in the Northern counties. It is, however, only just to state that had the continuance of this mission work depended upon the contributions of the Lodges in these counties, it would have been given up long ago. The personal contributions through the efforts of Bro. Woods, P.G.W.Sec., have largely sustained this branch.

The financial statement presented with the accounts will shew that the debit balance of £119 odd against this fund has increased during the year to £267.

Your Executive cannot but think that by a little more regular and systematic effort on the part of District Executives to interest the Subordinate Lodges in the fund, the amount contributed might be largely increased, and both the District Executive and Grand Lodge Executive be enabled to extend the work.

9. REMOVAL OF OFFICES.

Your Executive, finding that the premises in which the business of the Grand Lodge has for many years been conducted were likely to be pulled down for town improvements, thought it wise to at once inquire for suitable offices elsewhere, rather than wait to be turned out. A very suitable and excellent block of buildings in Edmund-street, near Snow-hill Station, were vacant, and were offered for sale under such very exceptionable circumstances as rendered them a most desirable investment. After full consideration it was decided to purchase the buildings, providing suitable arrangements could be come to, and this was done; the following brethren acting as purchasers on behalf of the Grand Lodge:—Bros. Malins, Wood, Mansergh, Derrington, Kempster, Collings, Eccles, Mann, Tyndall, Walshaw, and Poulter.

The terms of purchase have been so arranged that the yearly expenditure of the Grand Lodge for rent will not be increased, but probably decreased, while at the same time the Grand Lodge will have premises unequalled by any Temperance organisation in the country.

On completion of the purchase, the necessary structural and other alterations had to be made to render the premises suitable for our printing plant, and to conform to the provisions of the Factory Act, under which we work. This will involve an outlay of about £200; and your Executive have to acknowledge the very generous way in which Bro. J. Derrington, G.W.M., has advanced the sum necessary to enable the work to be completed. It is hoped that this will speedily be cleared off.

10. DECEASED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

Your Executive sent letters of condolence to the families of the late Bros. Geo. Charlton, H.D., James Eddy, H.D., and Donald Campbell, P.D.C.T. The G.W.Co. and P.G.W.Sec., Bro. Woods, represented the Grand Lodge at the funeral of Bro. Charlton.

JOHN B. GOUGH.—The death of this eloquent advocate of total abstinence removes from the

ranks of earnest workers one of world-wide fame ; and your Executive, together with every national Temperance organisation, passed a resolution recognising his valuable services, and sympathising with his widow.

William Hoyle.—In the death of one formerly so closely connected with our Order as Mr. Hoyle, and one who has rendered such services to the cause of national sobriety, your Executive have recognised a national loss. A letter of condolence was sent to the family, and the Order was represented at the funeral by the G.W.Sec. and the P.G.W.C.T., Bro. John Edwards.

11. FINANCE.

(*a*) *Estimate.*—Your Executive submit the following estimate for the ensuing year :—

	£
Salary of G.W.C.T.	400
Salaries of Clerks	250
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Offices, Water, Coal, &c.	140
Office Stationery	40
Postages and Telegrams	120
Official Forms, Commissions, &c. ...	50
G. L. Journals, Reports, Digests, &c.	40
Executive Council's Expenses	90
G.W.C.T.'s Travelling Expenses ...	37
R.W.G.L. Tax	40
Fire Insurance	8
Audit	5
Testimonials and Addresses	12
Deputational Expenses...	25
Exchanges and free distribution of Watchwords and Literature to Foreign Lodges	55
Juvenile Temple Department	75
Bank Charges	20
Expenses of G.L. Annual Session ...	25
Political Action Department	60
Reduction of Bank Overdraft... ...	50
Incidental	20
	£1,562
Deduct estimated Profit on Trading	275
	£1,287

(*b*) To raise this amount your Executive recommend that the tax be continued at 1d. per member per quarter (exclusive of the ½d. added for mileage), and which on an average of 74,000 members will realise £1,233 6s. 8d., thus leaving a deficit of £54 ; and your Executive are of opinion that by careful attention the incoming Executive may so reduce some items of expense as to lessen the bank overdraft as estimated.

12. MISCELLANEOUS:

(*a*) Grand Lodge Special Sessions.—During the year eight special sessions of the Grand Lodge have been held, viz. : Crystal Palace, Chatham, Bradford, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Grimsby, Northampton, Portsmouth, Antwerp, Egypt, and at Valparaiso, particulars of which will be given in the report of Credential Committee. A special session is projected for Penzance in July, when it is hoped that a large attendance may be facilitated by summer excursions to this most interesting neighbourhood.

(*b*) The Crystal Palace Fete of last year, as in the preceding year, was arranged for by our Order, and was ably carried out by a joint committee, on which Bros. Malins, Kempster, and Woods represented the Grand Lodge. The work, of course, almost wholly devolved upon the London brethren, Bro. Parncutt again being the indefatigable secretary. The arrangements were never more perfect, and nearly 40,000 persons attended. Choir and cricket contests ; sports of all kinds ; a special Grand Lodge Session, where over 557 took its Degree ; a great procession, two large public meetings, presided over by Mr. Peter McLagan, M.P., and Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., addressed by representative national Temperance bodies ; many musical meetings, and the fine singing of two Juvenile Templar and Band of Hope Choirs, of 5,000 voices each, most ably conducted by Bro. G. W. Williams, were parts of a wonderful programme, which our new R.W.G. Templar, Bro. Rev. W. G. Lane, of Nova Scotia, and other R.W.G.L. members also enjoyed.

This Year's Crystal Palace Fete is arranged by the U.K. Band of Hope Union. Your Executive have agreed to the holding of a special session of Grand Lodge then ; and have arranged for a deputation to the public meetings. The Fete takes place on July 13, and we trust our members will heartily support it.

(*c*) Charter Defence Fund.—The R.W.G. Lodge, at the Stockholm session, unanimously, and without any solicitation on the part of your Executive, voted £250 towards this fund ; a generous action which the Grand Lodge will no doubt heartily acknowledge.

(*d*) Reference Library.—Upon entering into new premises your Executive determined to establish a Temperance Reference Library, to be the property of the Grand Lodge, and to be kept in the Grand Lodge Office. With the co-operation of brethren in various parts of the world, there is little doubt that a very valuable international collection will be gathered. Your Executive acknowledge contributions already from Bro. G. H. Graham, D.C.T., of 17 volumes of the "Temperance Worker," and they very cordially invite others to follow so good an example.

(*e*) Lodge 792, East and Mid Surrey.—In consequence of persistent refusal to obey the laws of the Order, as to payment of tax, and after every effort had been made to induce compliance, your Executive were compelled to revoke the charter of this Lodge.

(*f*) Departure of Past Grand Lodge Officers.—During the year Bro. Rev. P. Aston, P.G.W. Chap., Bro. Thomas Chamberlain, J.P., P.G.W.T., and Bro. Thos. W. Glover, P.G.W.M., have left England for the colonies. Your Executive conveyed to each their very hearty wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

(*g*) Badge of Merit.—At the last session of Grand Lodge it was decided to found a medal, in gold, silver, and bronze, as a distinguishing honorary badge of the Order ; such medals to be worn only by those to whom they have been presented by Grand, District, or Subordinate Lodges, in recognition of faithful service for the good of the Order. Your Executive invited Bro. R. P. J. Simpson to submit a design, which he kindly did, and estimates were obtained for producing the same. It was found that the cost of the dies would be £7, and that then the medals could be produced and sold, in gold at £6, silver 12s., and bronze 3s. 6d. each. As there seemed no evidence of any demand for them, your Executive did not see their way to incur the expense, and await further instructions from Grand Lodge.

(*h*) Prize Essay Competition.—The number of competitors for these prizes has been so small, and so little apparent interest has been taken in it, that your Executive determined not to offer any prize this year.

(*i*) R.W.G. Lodge.—Vacancies in representation to R.W.G.L. occurred through the inability of Bros. Kempster and Mansergh to attend, which were filled by Sister C. Gray and Bro. W. Woodall.

(*j*) New Book of Odes, Hymns, &c.—The special committee were re-appointed, and have continued their labours, and have selected a large number of suitable hymns. They are now making the necessary inquiries as to copyright, and your Executive hope that during the coming year it may be found practicable to publish this book.

(*k*) Trade Manager and Office Work.—Shortly after last Grand Lodge Session the trade manager, Bro. John E. Poulter, A.G.Sec., resigned his position in the Grand Lodge Office. After so many years of faithful service your Executive were unwilling to accept this, and intimated to Bro. Poulter their desire that he should withdraw it. A subsequent interview, however, having proved unavailing, the resignation was accepted, and a re-arrangement of office duties was necessary, which, it is hoped, will prove satisfactory, and at the same time reduce the expenditure. Bro. Poulter carries with him the hearty wishes of every member of the Executive for his future success.

(*l*) Provident Fund.—The special committee appointed to prepare this scheme consisted of Bros. J. J. Woods, J. Malins, J. Harrison, C. Stacy-Watson, W. Williams, and F. W. Dimbleby, and we refer their revised report to the Grand Lodge.

(*m*) Challenge Shields.—In accordance with the statistics embodied in report of the G.S.J.T and G.W.Sec., the Juvenile Shield is awarded to Monmouth District Lodge, and the Adult Shield to the Military District Lodge.

(*n*) Redistribution of Districts.—Your Executive decided that in cases where the constituency boundary lines under the new Redistribution Act have crossed the boundary lines of District Lodges, it is generally desirable to so harmonise the District Lodge boundaries as to prevent a Parliamentary constituency being left partly in one District and partly in another.

(*o*) The Seventeenth Anniversary of the Order in England was celebrated at its birthplace, Birmingham, by a Church parade and sermon on Sunday, September 13, when Bro. Rev. W. H. Cariss, H.D. preached ; and by a sermon in the Town Hall by the Rev. W. Kipling Cox, W.D.Chap. ; and also by a special session of Grand Lodge, and tea party ; also a procession headed by the Birmingham Good Templar Band, and a great public meeting in the Town Hall, which was kindly lent by the Mayor. G.L. Executive officers, the Rev. Charles Leach, and the ex-Mayor, Bro. Alderman White (whose teetotal jubilee has since been celebrated), gave addresses, and the Gospel Temperance Choir, led by Mr. Ralph Heaton, sang pieces.

(*p*) Retention of Members Suspended for Arrears. — The resolutions passed at last Grand Lodge Session, which were referred to your Executive, have been considered by them, and while heartily approving of the principle involved, your committee have been unable to arrive at any solution of the method for carrying out any such arrangement, and therefore recommend that the question should be discussed in Grand Lodge so that there may be a further expression of opinion from the membership.

(*q*) Orphanage.—The Orphanage Committee report will shew this admirable institution is maintaining its most useful and beneficent course, and that its receipts for the year have been £1,140 15s. 8d., as against an expenditure of £1,269 1s. 2d. The debt on the building fund, however, has been considerably reduced. The contributions of Lodges and Temples are less than last year, but they amount to the greater part of the total income, which has been aided by the bazaar at the Orphanage, in which the G.W.C.T., G.E.S., and G.W.T. took part, and by sales of work at Bristol and Tonbridge.

(*r*) The Temperance Hospital.—Your Executive were glad to note that the Good Templars' Stall, arranged by Bro. Hilton, materially aided the Hospital Bazaar, and that our brethren also carried out a procession and service at Folkestone Town Hall, in behalf of this excellent institution.

Fraternally submitted,

Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.
Geo. Dodds, G.W.Co.
Lydia A. Walshaw, G.S.J.T. } *Grand*
John Kempster, G.E.S.
Sarah H. Robson, G.W.V.T. } *Lodge*
John B. Collings, G.W.Sec.
Edward Wood, G.W.T. } *Executive.*
Jos. Aston, G.W.Ch.
J. Derrington, G.W.M.

TO THOSE WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

By Bro. John Duncan Richardson.

If true that drinking does not hurt you,
Then wrong is right,
And black is white,
And every hateful vice a virtue.

If sweet the bitter fruits of folly,
'Twixt me and you,
The false is true,
And merriment is melancholy.

Best drink too little than too much, man ;
Take time to think,
Discard the drink,
And you'll do well—or I'm a Dutchman.

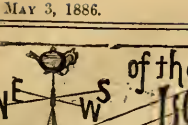
From "Reveries in Rhyme."

THE GRAND LODGE MOUSE.

The *Grand Lodge Times* published some playful tit-bits from an anouymous contributor calling himself the "Grand Lodge Mouse." We quote the performances of the little vermin :—

"A Welcome.—The 'Grand Lodge Mouse' fraternally and cordially offers a paw of welcome to the Grand Lodge officers, Representatives, Past Representatives, and all visitors on this most auspicious occasion, and while tendering this sound of welcome, 'Mouse' begs to say he is on the alert, and watchful, squeaks of approval or disapproval will from time to time be duly noted and recorded in the daily organ."

"Squeak the First. —The 'Grand Lodge Mouse' thinks the nice looking brother, with the long fair hair, and winning voice, was rather premature in proposing that the Grand Lodge should close on Thursday evening. The 'Grand Lodge Mouse' having first had a peep at the programme, does not think it can possibly be finished by then, and that it is very unsatisfactory and hardly fair to hand over questions that ought to be discussed in Grand Lodge, to nine members of Executive, however worthy and able they may be. The 'Grand Lodge Mouse' thinks that districts sending up resolutions will be discouraged."



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"The News of the Lodges should constitute a public record for the important events in connection with ordinary Lodge Sessions, Public Meetings, Anniversaries, &c., in connection with the Order. It should refer, not to matters of mere local interest and to the every-day occurrences of ordinary Lodge Sessions, but to such matters as are of national importance interesting alike to all classes of readers, stimulating some, encouraging others, and rejoicing all. For this purpose it should make mention of Essays and Papers read, of competitions in Reciting, Reading, and Singing, Temperance Bees, Question Box, and such like. And, *Once a Quarter*, the total number initiated or admitted by c.c., the total of membership, &c., may be given. Singing, Reciting, &c., at ordinary Lodge Sessions should not be reported, as the same names of singers, reciters, &c., occur week after week, and such news can only be of limited local interest. When, however, a Public Anniversary, or other Meeting or Demonstration in connection with the Order takes place, the names may be given of the chairman and of those taking part, and to save space these should be classified thus: Chairman, ——. Songs by ——. Recitations by—— &c., &c.

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METROPOLITAN.

Shoreditch.—"Hand of Friendship." March 30. Open Lodge. With the aid of Juvenile Temple choir a successful meeting was held.—April 13. Degree Temple conferred the Second Degree upon six members. WATCHWORDS sold.

Loughboro' Junction.—"William Tweedie." April 21. A deeply interesting, instructive, and scientific lecture, by Mr. D. McGill, "Why I am an Abstainer." Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., presided. A fair attendance. A session of the Lodge was held at the close.

Cambridge Heath Bridge.—"Artisan." April 3. Quarterly soirée; grand success; conducted by Bro. Lloyd; singing, parlour games, and refreshments; Bro. Jackson amused many by his electric battery.—April 10. Practice night.—April 17. Bro. Hemsley re-recommended as L.D., and Bro. W. G. Craft recommended as E.S.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." April 24. Grand session, room crowded; special vote of thanks given to Bro. Ansell for valuable services rendered; Bro. Herbert Malcolm was elected as E.S., and Bro. Henry Ansell was re-elected as L.D. The election of officers was then proceeded with and was one of the keenest ever remembered: Bro. Goddard, W.C.T.; Sister Goddard, W.V.T.; Bro. Killby, W.S. The Lodge will again show an increase in membership, there being 126 paying members in good standing.

Clapham-road.—"General Garfield." April 22. Two initiated. Bro. Wyatt re-elected L.D.; Bro. Fowler, L.E.S. Visit of London Scots Lodge who officered, and entertained with songs, recitations, and flute solos. Bro. Buchanan, W.C.T.; enjoyable evening, 50 present.

Balham.—"Welcome Home."

Bro. N. W. Hubbard, P.D.C.T., who gave a stirring address. Speeches were also given by Bros. Hawkins, and Davies. Two initiated.—April 15. Entertained by the Temple of Love J.T. The recitations and songs were creditably given; refreshments were provided. A very happy evening was spent; visit of Bro. London, W.D.A.S.—April 22. The D.L.Rep. gave his report of D.L., which was well received. Sistor Spurgiog nominated as L.D., and Bro. Barton as L.E.S.

Notting Hill-gate.—"Silver-street." April 1. One initiated; one admitted as an Ancient Templar. Two delegates were appointed to serve on the Church Demonstration Committee. Pleasant evening passed. —April 8. Greetings received from the Priory Lodge. Officered and entertained by the Margaret McCurey Lodge.—April 15. Sister Thompson was recommended as L.D., and Bro. Hicks as L.E.S. Songs and readings by the members.—April 22. One admitted on c.c. Greetings received from the United Hearts Lodge, Chatham. A pleasant evening passed. Lodge steadily progressing.

PROVINCIAL.

YORK.—"Victorious." April 21. Good attendance; many visitors; social tea; entertainment, "John Bull at Home." One re-admitted; two initiated; one candidate proposed. Bro. H. M. Cross recommended for L.D. and Bro. Madgwick as E.S. Cottage weekly mission work reported. Addresses given by representative *North Eastern Daily Gazette*, and other speakers. A most enjoyable evening.

FLEETWOOD.—"Benjamin Whitworth." April 19. Coffee supper; visitors present from Sheffield; Bro. T. Riley gave an interesting account of a recent trip to Norway.

BURY.—"Happy Home." April 20. Visited by the J.T., the members of which gave a brief but exceedingly interesting programme, at the close each one taking part had a small gift given by one of the members. Bro. T. Proud was unanimously recommended as L.D., and Bro. Rev. G. Coates as L.E.S. Arrangements were partially reported re mission to be held in Co-operative Hall. Bro. J. A. Smith is to conduct the mission.

STOCKPORT.—"Gleaner." April 19. Visit of Concilio et Labore Lodge, Manchester. The following amongst others were present:—Bro. Tolton, D.C.T.C.; Bro. John Edwards, P.D.C.T.; Sister Kightley, D.V.T.; Bro. Weatherill, W. Chap.; Sister Hoskinson, W.V.T.; Bro. Mills, L.D.; Bro. Murchison; Bro. Parfitt, and Bro. Walford, P.C.T. Two candidates were initiated. The visitors entertained Bros. Tolton and Edwards and Bro. Yates, D.C.T., of E. and M. Cheshire, Bro. Redfern P.D.C.T. Bro. Hawarth and Roger gave addresses.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—"Never Venture, Never Win." April 12. Three initiated. Refreshments were provided by Sisters P. Backler, M. A. Webb, E. Unwin, A. Evans, E. P. Thake, and M. Humphrey. Several songs, recitations, &c., were given; very pleasant evening.—April 15. Second Degree conferred on five members, and the Third Degree on four members.—April 19. Debate opened by Bro. J. C. Sharpe (W.C.T.) on "What our Lodge Meetings Are, and What they Ought to Be." Several members took part in the discussion. Bro. H. T. Thake was elected Lodge Deputy; and Bro. F. D. Unwin, E.S., for the ensuing year; resolved to accept the invitation of Saffron Walden Lodge to pay them a visit in May.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—"Silent Dew." Paper, &c., by Bro. Walker on "How to Retain Our Members"; discussion followed.

ENFIELD.—"Star of Peace." April 19. Bro. Coleman was elected L.D. and Bro. Sawyer, E.S. One sister re-admitted and one brother initiated. It being Bro. Sawyer's anniversary and also Sister Chappell's the Lodge was regaled by these members with tea, coffee, cake, &c, a most enjoyable evening being spent; a capital programme was carried out under the presidency of our W.C.T., Bro. Driver.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.—"Glorious Prospect." April 19. Sister Nunney, W.C.T. Bro. Dawes gave a paper on "Compensation," which was well received. Bro. Stevenson and Humphreys gave songs and recitations; one initiated and three re-admitted; Lodge improving.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Hawlock." April 19. Bro. W. H. Poole was re-elected L.D., and Bro. G. T. Underhill, E.S.; during a recess, coffee and buns were provided. On the Lodge being called to order, Bro. John Powell, V.D., read an interesting paper, subject: "How I spent a day in the country with, lessons from the Life of the Elstow Dreamer."

BIRMINGHAM.—"Mount Pleasant." April 20. Bro. Alfred Wright, W.C.T., was elected L.D.; Bro. John Powell, re-elected L.E.S.; a capital programme was rendered by members and visitors, Bro. C. F. Hayes, W.T., and D. Sec. of Warwick-shire, Sister E. Watkins, the retiring L.D., and Bro. Wright assisting.

ACCRINGTON.—"Ebenezer." April 23. Social tea, 32 members sat down at 6 p.m. that number was largely increased, and an entertainment was given, presided over by the L.D., Temperance readings, recitations, songs, duets, and parlour games were given and enjoyed.

WINCHESTER.—"Itchin Valley." April 16. Garrison Safeguard Lodge officered and entertained; Bro. Colour Sergt. Hudson presided, and a good programme was gone through; Bro. P. Lucas was recommended as L.D.; three initiated; a very pleasant evening spent, and a large number present.—April 22. The session was held at the Blue Ribbon Coffee House when a very pleasant evening was spent; one initiated. A Special Degree meeting was held in St. Thomas School-room on Tuesday 20, when the Degree of Charity was conferred on six candidates by Bro. John Bugg, L.D.

REDRUTH.—"Help and Refuge." February 2. Election and installation:—Bro. S. Crispin, W.C.T.; Sister E. E. Mitchell, W.V.T.; Sister A. Richards, W.S.—February 9. One initiated. Sister A. Richards elected D.L.Rep. Programme, reading and recitations. —February 16. Thirty-five members of the Guiding Star Lodge, Traro, visited, and held a public meeting in the Temperance Hall, at the close of which a candidate was initiated by the Guidiug Star Lodge.—March 9. Two candidates proposed. Decided to meet in future in the Temperance Hall. Programme, Lodge drill by W.C.T.—March 16. Two initiated and three proposed. Programme, conundrums.—March 23. Three initiated. —March 30. Open Lodge, presided over by Bro. S. Crispin, W.C.T. Addresses by Bro. Rev. B. Pollard and J. Thomas; recitations, Bro. Harris; reading, S. Hicks; songs, Sister Daniel. Bro. Browning presided at the harmonium.—April 6. Programme social evening. Coffee and buns. Very pleasant evening.—April 13. Second Degree conferred on two members.—April 20. One initiated and one proposed. Bro. Browning recommended as L.D.; Bro. S. Crispin as L.E.S. Programme, readings, recitations, and singing.

LANDPORT.—"Good for Evil." April 22. Visit of the Hope of Eastney Lodge, when a good programme was rendered by the visitors. The W.C.T., Bro. Rogers, was welcomed back after several weeks' absence through illness. Bro. George A. Turner was recommended as L.D., and Bro. William Roe was recommended as E. Sup.

MIDDLESBRO'.—"Star of Hope." April 24. Coffee supper and entertainment, Bro. R. Skelton, D.C.T., presiding. Eighty present; good programme. Songs recitations, and readings; Temperance address, Mr. Baine. Several songs by Bro. William Tomlinson. Bro. Wilks proposed a vote of thanks. Several intimated their intention to join the Lodge.

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore." April 24. Programme arranged for ensuing quarter. Officered and entertained by City of Manchester Degree Temple. Bro. Gibbon, W.D.T., presided. Songs, duets, &c., by visitors. Addresses by Bro. McNally, Huddersfield; Bro. Hope, Liverpool, and Bro. J. R. Bennett, W.D.S.

PORTSMOUTH.—"Nil Desperandum." April 22. Brothers' surprise night. A pleotiful supply of fruit and sweets was provided, the following sisters contributing:—Sisters Blake, W.C.T., Wilkinson, Dorrietty, West, Hoskings, Warner, Bishton, and Dyer, and after, with the assistance of the brothers, a very nice programme of songs and recitations was gone through. Songs, Sisters Dorrietty and Knapp, Brothers Harper, Irren, and Gunner; recitations, Sister Dyer, Bros. Harper and Taylor. Sister Blake, W.C.T., gave a few encouraging remarks.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—"Kingston-upon-Hull." April 22. Open Lodge. After initiating three candidates each, Storr and his wife and five children entertained with songs, readings, recitations, and solos; a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the recitations of little Miss Storr were highly appreciated.

WEST COWES.—"West Medina." April 23. Third annual tea, about 70 present; an entertainment of a sacred character followed, in St. Mary-street School-room; chairman, Rev. J. M. Parsons, supported by Bros. Shepard, Butler, and Rowe. Song by Sister Hadwin; reading by Bro. Smith; recitations by Sisters Tracey, Ryall, Torpey, and Learmouth; piano solo by Sister Sibbick; short speeches by Bros. Shepard and Butler; three part songs from "Christian Choir," by members. Hall well filled.

BURSLEM.—"Charlee Garrett.' At the usual se sion on April 20. Bro. James Machin was re-recommended as L.D. (his 13th successive year), and Bro. E. Heames as L.E.S. The Lodge is making good progress; last quarter 63 members were returned, since then 12 have withdrawn one c.c., and re-opened the Guiding Star Lodge, which is making good headway, and now this quarter 68 will be returned; average attendance about 55.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." April 22. Visit of Never Despair Juvenile Temple, whose members were present in strong force and entertained in an efficient and pleasing manner.

CROYDON.—"Hope of Croydon." April 19. United Lodge Session; good attendance of members from the Croydon Pioneers and Welcome Friends Lodges. A surprise visit from the Bereborough True as Steel Lodge, Lodge officered and entertained by visitors; Bro. Batchelor, W.C.T., Bro. Biggs was re-elected L.D.; Bro. Day elected L.E.S.; Sisters Cbilds and Newland, Bros. Hudson, Pope, Rand, Lock, sen., Lock, jun. and Dood gave songs and recitations. A very pleasant evening was spent. Refreshments provided for the visitors.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morica Town." April 19. Sister Carter, W.C.T.; Bro. Carter was re-recommended as L.D., and Bro. Taylor was re-recommended as L.E.S. It being brothers' surprise night, Bro. Taylor, on behalf of the brothers, presented the Lodge with a new set of rituals; songs by Sister Hill and Bro. Taylor; readings by Sister Taylor and Bro. Rowley; good attendance.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morica Town." April 21. A splendid session; Bro. Pyne, late of the Welsh G.L., was elected as L.D. and Bro. Parkes as L.E.S. Lodge progressing; splendid meeting.

MIDDLESBRO'.—"Cyrus." Two initiated. Bro. J. Atterbury recommended L.D. Bro. Taylor read a paper on the declension in our Order, and the Provident Fund Scheme, which was well received. Bro. R. Skelton, D.C.T., was present. The members are working well, and are making the Lodge a success.

EXETER.—"Perseverance." April 19. Bro. J. Hern was recommended as L.D., and Bro. A. Lamcraft as L.E.S. Open meeting at 8.30; a capital programme was rendered by the members and visitors, consisting of songs, readings and recitations, after which coffee and buns were supplied and a good evening was spent.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." April 24. A special session of the D.L. was held to consider the motions on G.L. Digest. Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., presided and introduced each subject for consideration. Several of the motions called forth spirited discussion, and a very pleasant meeting was closed at 10 p.m. with prayer by the W.D. Chaplain. The D.C.T. announced that he should have the pleasure of instituting a new Lodge at Buckfastleigh in about 10 days.

RYHOPE COLLIERY.—"Ebenezer." April 23. The 15th anniversary celebrated by a sermon, procession, tea, and public meeting. In the morning a Temperance sermon was preached by Bro. Randolph Curtis; in the afternoon there was a procession, headed by the Rosebud Juvenile Temperance Brass Band. At four a tea was held, when a good number sat down. Subsequently, a public Temperance meeting was held, when Mr. William Swinburne presided. Melodies by Bros. Curtis, Jackson, Sanderson, and R. and T. Richardson; recitations by Bros. Isaac Copeland, G. W. Copeland, and Sister Curtis. An address was given by Bro. Charles Gibson, W.D.Co. Several persons promised to join the Lodge.

DONCASTER.—"White Rose." April 14. The majority of the members were present at the bazaar, which was being held to raise funds for furnishing our new Lodge-room at the Temperance Hall. It is expected that over £70 will be handed over to the treasurer.—April 21. Pleasant session. One initiated. Recreation Committee elected for ensuing quarter. Bro. H. Marshall was recommended L.D. WATCHWORDS taken. On Good Friday, about 31 members and friends attended the Thorne Excelsior Lodge annual tea, and after a pleasant walk about the town, repaired to the Temperance Hall, where a substantial tea was provided. After tea an adjournment was made to the market-place, where a short meeting was held, and the public invited to the entertainment, which commenced at 7 o'clock. The room was well filled. Bro. H. H. Marshall presided. A well-rendered programme of songs, solos, duets, readings and recitations was given, in which the following took part: Bros. H. H. Marshall, H. Marshall, Taylor, Hall, Sigton, Hudson, Reddish, Pinsben, and Jones; and Sisters Smith, Shepard, and Hasselby. Afterwards the party returned to Doncaster, having had a pleasant and profitable outing.

MANCHESTER.—"Tower of Refuge." April 13. A public address by Bro. Knight on vegetarianism. several brothers and friends taking part in the debate

Resolved to attend the public meeting to be held at Stretford on May 7, the object being the institution of a new Lodge.—April 14. Visit to Eccles Lodge. Bro. Cochrane presided. A programme of readings and songs was rendered by Sister Cochrane, Bros. Harding, Dorsett, Rose, and Mounsey. A very enjoyable evening was spent.—April 20. Bro. J. Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., recommended as L.D., and Bro. Broadhent as L.E.S. A strong committee appointed to make all requisite arrangements for holding a 10 days' mission in September. Three candidates initiated, one proposed, and one admitted on c.c., making 60 additional members on the roll this quarter, which is attributable to the late active mission work taken up by the members of the Lodge.

LEEDS.—"Central." April 17. Public tea, at which about 70 persons sat down. Subsequently a public meeting was held, over which Bro. W. Denton, W.C.T., presided. Bro. H. J. Fish and Mr. McNally (local missionary) gave addresses. Lieutenant Whiteley gave an amusing sketch. Some magic lantern views of Italy and the Rhine by Mr. Jebson concluded the entertainment.

NEW MALDEN.—"Sure Refuge." April 23. A tea meeting was held in the Baptist Chapel, at which about 140 persons were present. At 7 p.m. a special Lodge session was held to initiate six candidates; Bro. J. C. Woollacott conducting the ceremony for W.C.T. At 7.30 a Temperance meeting was opened by Bro. Cawley, W.C.T. A programme of singing, recitation, and dialogue was ably carried out by members of the Lodge and one or two friends. Short addresses by Mr. Davis of Malden, and the L.D. A most pleasant evening closed at 9.50; about 300 present; great success.

SITTINGBOURNE.—"Pabsee Mathew." April 20. Sister L. E. Sheeton, who had held the office of L.D. for upwards of 10 years, resigned in consequence of her leaving the town. A hearty vote of thanks for the services she has rendered during that period was enthusiastically given. Bro. John Plowman was recommended as her successor. Bro. W. T. Ruis, W.D.Co., paid an official visit. An extract from the annual report of the G.W.C.T., under the head of "The Real Good of the Order," with reference to the necessity of getting more of the middle classes to join our Lodges, was read by Bro. G. Goodwin, who moved "That a committee be appointed to devise some means of laying the claims of Good Templary before the middle classes, and to endeavour to get more of that class to become members of the Order." White Rose Juvenile Temple gave a capital entertainment.

PLYMOUTH.—"Ark of Love." April 10. Splendid session. One initiated. Bro. Langmaid, who is leaving for the Australian station, was presented with a portable writing desk as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members. Bro. Langmaid very feelingly responded. Bro. A. Vogwell recommended for L.D.—April 17. Good session. One restored. Report of Waggonette Committee. Bro. T. Axon, on behalf of the Benâ Fide Lodge of Porthleven, presented the Lodge with a beautiful memorial card of the Bros. R. and J. F. Edy vcane, who, it will be remembered, were drowned a few weeks ago through colliding with a Plymouth vessel. Lodge doing well. WATCHWORDS sold weekly.

SUNDERLAND.—"Human Equality." April 14. An open meeting; room crowded; chairman, Bro. Smith, W.C.T. Songs, duets, trios, and recitations, by Bros. Gorman, Fox, Burlinson, Jack, Orton, Rae, and Davidson, and Sisters Sharp and Clasper. Also a living waxwork show was performed by the members of the Ayres Quay Recitation Class.—April 21. Discussion on the Good of the Order, which resulted in a committee being formed to look out for a new Lodge room, &c., &c. Bro. Campbell re-elected L.D. for the third time.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." April 17. Songs, Bros. J. W. Parker and Gargar; duet, Sister Chester and Fry; recitations, Sister Osborn and Bro. Quelch; address, Bro. Rev. A. E. Green.—April 24. Songs, Sister Kingswood, Miss Gibbons, Bros. the Rev. Strudwick Douglas, Patrick, and Smith; recitations, Sister Mrs. Excell and Bro. E. S. Powell; reading, Bro. Booth, W.C.T.; address, Bro. Colpens. One initiated.

SUNDERLAND.—"Edward Backhouse." April 8. Two initiated. A lucky-bag sale held, which realised a good sum. The Third Degree was conferred upon 26 brothers and sisters by Bro. A. Campbell, L.D. of the Human Equality Lodge.—April 15. A musical service held, which was very interesting. Bro. Joseph Ayre recommended as L.D. and Bro. W. Weymiss as L.S.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." April 23. Bro. Chewter re-elected L.D. for the fifth time. Bro. Patrick elected E.S. An entertainment was given in the Ward-street Hall, preceded by a tea, to which 86 sat down. A Lodge session followed, when two persons were initiated. There was a crowded attendance. Bro. Chewter, P.D.C.T., presided, and the Temperance Brass Band was in attendance and gave selections during the evening. An excellent programme was carried out, those taking part including Sisters A. Powell, Mrs. Evershed, Miss Excell, Misses Privett and Wright, Miss Perry, Miss Rapley, and Sister Seare, Bros. Walter, Matthews, Powell, and Richardson. Miss Leach accompanied at the piano.

IRELAND.

BELFAST.—April 14. A united Lodge session of the various Lodges at present in Ballymacarrett was held in the Star of Bethlehem rooms, Ballyhackamore. There was a very full attendance, great interest being taken in the business of the evening—viz., the necessity of having Ballymacarrett formed into a separate district. Several representatives having spoken, including Bros. Beattie, Young, Adams, Millar, Boyd, &c., Bro. A. G. Ellis moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting, being fully representative of the four Lodges at present sitting in Ballymacarrett, and recognising the gravity of our present position with regard to the North Down District, do apply to the G.W.C.T. for a charter constituting us a separate District, to be called the Ballymacarrett District." The resolution was seconded amidst applause, carried unanimously, and a committee appointed to take all necessary action in the matter.

BELFAST.—"John Pyper." April 20. Fifteenth annual social tea meeting. Great success. About 45 members and friends present. After tea, Bro. Rheband, W.C.T., in a brief but cheerful and encouraging address, after which a brilliant programme was gone through. Meeting closed by all singing heartily "Auld Lang Syne," everyone feeling delighted with the evening's entertainment.

MILITARY.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." April 13. A special session, Bro. Sergeant Harrison, W.C.T., presided; three candidates were initiated, and two others proposed. The committees on the proposed Juvenile Temple, the visit of the District Lodge, and picnic to Netley, all reported progress. Letters received from Victoria Park Lodge, South Hackney; The Maltese Cross Lodge, Kinsale, Ireland, who report over 100 members; and from the Celer et Audax Lodge, Devonport, —April 20. Crowded meeting; about 70 present besides the W.C.T., also read extracts from the G.W.C.T. report, and a discussion was invited for the following session. The programme of the evening, "A Temperance Song Contest," was then gone through with the following result: First prize, a book value 5s., won by Sister Light; second prize, a book value 3s. 6d., won by Bro. Cheekley; third prize, a book given by Sister E. Harrison, and won by Sister Hibbert, City Lodge; Bro. Brearley was recommended as Lodge Deputy; a letter was read from the W.D.S. stating that the Military District had for the third time won the Challenge Shield; Sister Hooper was elected A.S.J.T.; Sister Mills, treasurer; Sister Whitier, secretary; Sister Storey, W. Chap.—Bro. Gee, who was collected for the Temple, left the room, towards buying regalia, &c.; Lodge doing well.

POLEMEDEA (CYPRUS).—"Advance." March 4. A most successful entertainment, preceded by a tea, was held; over 100 sat down to tea. The entertainment commenced at about 7.15 p.m. with an overture by the band. The Glee Class, under the direction of Bro. Maple, sang "All among the barley." Mr. Gibbs effectively read "Misadventures at Margate," and recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade." Songs by Bros. Lewis, Meekins, and Field, were warmly applauded. Among the other songs, the "Green leaf in the Bible" (Bro. Ufrmacher), "Gipsy's Warning" (Bro. Tanner), "No one cares for me" (Bro. Stanley), and the quartett "Mayday," and the trio "The Wreath," are worthy of mention; as was the song "Beautiful Snow" by Bro. Quarter-MasterOverton. "Katie's Letter" was prettily sung by Mrs. Gibbs. "Brutus' Address to the Romans" was given by Bro. Quarter-Master Sergeant Maloney, and the glee "Good Night," brought a highly successful soiree to a close. Half the population of Polemedea attended the entertainment, including Colonel Charley and the officers of the battalion, who expressed themselves highly delighted with the whole proceedings. The whole thing went off without a hitch and reflects the highest credit on the committee and all concerned.

PORTSEA.—"Portsmouth Garrison." April 17. Bro. Tupper recommended as L.D. Songs, readings, and recitations. The Second Degree was conferred on two members.—April 24. Five proposed; one received on a.c.; one admitted as an Ancient Templar. Election of officers: Bro. J. Dyer, W.C.T.; Bro. A. Irvin, W.S. Visited the Volunteer brethren, who represented the following Lodges: Jehovah Jireh, Stamford, and Lambeth Perseverance. We also had a fruit banquet and entertainment, in which the following took part: Songs by Bros. Irvin, Treacher, Green, Driffield, Gunnee, Harper, and Sister Goodall. Recitations by Bros. Bridgen, Harper, Taylor, and Chamard. Crowded session, and thoroughly enjoyed.

GRAND LODGE OF MEDITERRANEAN.

MALTA.—"Gordon Ark of Safety." February 2. Two initiated, one proposed. Doing well. Fifteen WATCHWORDS taken weekly.—February 9. Four initiated, two proposed. Very pleasant and sensible evening.—February 16. One restored, one initiated. Report of Rep. to D.L. read and accepted. The Lodge was then entertained by Bro. and Sister Muldown, Bros. Young, Humphreys, Rogers, and Aims.—February 23. Two initiated and one proposed. — March 2. Five initiated and one rejoined. Visit of the G.W.C.T., Bro. Humphreys, whose instruction and advice was much appreciated. It being auction night 8s. 6d. was added to the funds.—March 9. Two initiated; visit of Bro. Lucas, V.T., who gave some good advice, and congratulated Lodge on its earnest working. Sister Chantrey surprised the Lodge with a new set of officers' regalia, which was greatly admired.—March 16. Three initiated. It being surprise night, after business the members and visitors were surprised by Good of Order Committee, who provided a liberal supper. Present 45.

MALTA.—"Knight of St. John's." February 11. Good attendance, eight initiated; two proposed for membership, one joined on a.c.; good number of Geneva Cross Lodge visited and asked leave to present Bro. T. Booth with a testimonial, he having to leave for England on following morning, a guld ring was then presented to Bro. T. Booth on behalf of Geneva Cross Lodge. Bro Booth suitably responded. After Lodge work was finished a very pleasant evening was spent by the many visitors and members of the Lodge. The Lodge is making great progress.—March 5. Visit of G.W.C.T., who gave a very interesting address on our motto, Faith, Hope, and Charity; one initiated; WATCHWORDS sold. This being "Experience Night," some very good work was unfolded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.—March 12. Visit of Gordon Ark of Safety Lodge, who officered. Presentation of F.H. and C. Badges, to Sisters Chantrey and Jones of the Visiting Lodge by Bro. Wright, D.C.T., who responded in suitable terms, and mentioned that, as this was the first visit their Lodge had paid since its institution, they should look on the presents with delight. This being the anniversary of Bro. Wright's initiation into the Order 15 years ago, he spoke a few words to the younger members, encouraging them to stand firm to the cause. Congratulations accorded. Songs, readings, and recitations were given by Bro. Etheridge, W.C.T., Buxton, Morgan, Lever, Godfrey, and Newman, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Two initiated.—March 19. Surprise night. Lodge surprised by the officers, who supplied tea and coffee, cake, &c. After all regaling themselves, the usual harmonious half-hour was spent and thoroughly appreciated. Choice of membership were presented to Bro. Etheridge, W.C.T.; Bro. Newman, P.W.C.T., Bro. Tinsley, W.A.M.; and Bro. Clark, W.Seo.; by Bro. Wright, D.C.T., for their earnest work in this Lodge. One initiated.—March 26. Bro. Etheridge, W.C.T., presided. Bro. Hughes was elected G.L. Rep. Visit of Bro. Newman, V.D., who gave a short address. A Degree meeting was held prior to the session, when two brothers received their Second Degree. One member restored.

MALTA.—"Cedo Nullis." February 4. Four initiated; 27 members present, and 19 visitors. Lodge doing first-rate work.—February 11. Seven initiated; c.c. to Bro. Trigers, who was going to England. Lodge presented him with certificate of membership. D.L. Rep.'s report was read and accepted. Remainder of the evening spent in good readings, songs, &c.—February 25. Visit of the G.W.C.T., who came to further the cause of our Order by introducing a branch Lodge on behalf of this Lodge on the Island of Gozo, where portion of regiment is stationed. Bro. A. E. Harris, S.D., is in charge of the branch.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—"Spring Blossom." April 20. Mr. A. Harforth Smith gave an interesting and instructive address on "Spiders and the lessons they teach." Recitations and songs by the Misses Smith were interspersed during the afternoon as illustrative of the good to be imitated and the evil to be avoided.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." April 21. Quarterly tea and public meeting; 130 to tea. Sister E. Browne, P.R.W.S.J.T., presided, and gave a stirring address. Songs and recitations; a langhable sketch entitled "Patrick v. Michel," by Bros. Smith, Rickett, Mead, and Whitaker; Temperance melodies by the choir, under the direction of Bro. J. B. Matthews; harmoniumist, Sister A. Bedford; 330 present.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." April 16. One proposed; short address from the Supt., Bro. Hall, after which the Temple was dismissed, as it was the last night of the Templar Bazaar, to give the children an opportunity to attend.

LOSTWITHIEL.—A conference on Juvenile Templary was held on Good Friday at Lostwithiel. A prayer meeting was held at 11.30 a.m., after which several of the brethren visited the picturesque ruins of Restormel Castle. The regular proceedings of the conference opened at 2.15, Bro. G. Hole, D.S.J.T., presiding. The D.S.J.T. read a practical paper containing suggestions for the more successful working of the Juvenile Order in East Cornwall. The points submitted were discussed seriatum, and a hearty and profitable conversation ensued. Referring to our present mode of receiving juvenile members into the adult order, the writer urged that a short "transference" service should suffice. All present were unanimous in approving the principle thus suggested, and Bro. Husband, G.L. Rep., was requested to convey the sense of the conference to the Juvenile Conference in connection with Grand Lodge. The following recommendations were also unanimously adopted:—*(a)* "That Lodges be requested to arrange for quarterly visits of their respective Temples, each alternately providing the entertainment." *(b)* "That where practicable the senior members of the Temple be admitted to ordinary Lodge sessions during the progress of the 'Good of the Order.'" *(c)* "That efforts be made to secure the establishment of a Temple in connection with every Lodge in the District, and that all legitimate means be adopted to attain the same." *(d)* "That D.L. be requested to sanction an adult and juvenile bazaar to give effect to the above recommendation." *(e)* "That the chairman be authorised to sign a petition on behalf of the conference in favour of Mr. Caine's Bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to children."

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

NORTH STAFFORD.—Quarterly Session. Temperance Hall, Hanley, April 19. Bro. J. Wilshaw, D.S.J., presided, and reported a membership of 760 in eight Temples. Bro. Treasurer Bull reported a small balance in hand. It was decided that the officers of the Council visit all the Temples during the quarter. The Council favoured the monthly password. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Fegg Hayes.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

YORK.—A united session of the York Lodges was held on April 19 at the Lodge-rooms, Clifford-street. Bro. Alfred Jesper, D.C.T., presided. Bro. Myton read report of D.L. Committee. The receipts to meet expenses amounted to £13 17s. 9½d.; expenditure, £12 8s. 5½d. The balance, £1 9s. 4d., had been divided among the six York Lodges. Bro. H. M. Cross gave an address on Mission Work, followed by a discussion, after which it was resolved that each Lodge be asked to appoint a representative to act with the D.L. Mission Committee to organise some effective means for

carrying on mission work, and reports on the best method of raising funds for this object. Bro. J. Sanderson, D.T., spoke on the Poole Perjury Case, and proposed that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Members for York and forward them papers relating to the case, asking them to give it their best consideration, and desiring them to support any steps devised by the House of Commons to release Williams from prison. This was seconded by Bro. H. M. Cross and carried. Over 60 members were present.

BIRMINGHAM.—The ordinary business meeting of the District Convention was held on April 12, in the Coffee-house, Broad-street. Bro. Roberts, W.C.T., called the convention to order at 8 o'clock. The W.S. reported that during the past fortnight the Executive had held one meeting and visited one Lodge. Bro. Lovett, E.S., read a very interesting paper, Subject: "How to assist weak Lodges," and a very animated discussion and good suggestions were given by Bro. Roberts, W.C.T., Bro. Smith, Bro. Rafferty, L.D., John Powell, V.D., J. H. Pearce, W.S., Joseph Kesterton, L.D. The Right Hon. John Bright's reply to a resolution in re the Poole Perjury Case, was read amidst applause. On Good Friday a public tea was provided in the Bristol-street Board School, by the members of the Convention, after which Bro. Thomas Humpherson, P.D.C.T., presided at a sacred concert, by the St. Cecilia Harmonic Society, and short addresses were delivered by Bros. Brag, G. T. Hudson, and Locker.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. M. SKINNER, P.G.W.M.

At the quarterly conference of the Oxfordshire Band of Hope and Temperance Union, on April 23, Bro. J. M. Skinner was presented with a purse containing £25 and an illuminated address, chiefly in recognition of his valuable services as hon. sec. of the Oxfordshire Temperance Union. Bro. Skinner has removed from Oxford to Beckenham, having been Superintendent for the United Kingdom Alliance in the Oxford District six years. He now takes charge of the Kent, Surrey, and Berkshire District, and Bro. J. R. Weatherill takes his place both as the United Kingdom Alliance agent, and as D.C.T. for Oxfordshire.

Mr. Councillor R. J. Grubb presided, and in the course of an eulogistic speech read the following letter from Sir Henry Dashwood, the Lord-Lieutenant of the county:—

"43, Grosvenor-place, April 14.

"DEAR SIR,—I regret extremely that I am unable to join you to-morrow in expressing personally to Mr. Skinner how much indebted we are to him for his unwearied interest in the cause of Temperance, and for the great civilising work he has done in our country villages during his residence in Oxford. Most sincerely do I join with you in wishing Mr. Skinner every success and happiness in his new district.

"I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

"HENRY W. DASHWOOD."

The address, which was in an oak frame, read as follows:—

OXFORDSHIRE BAND OF HOPE AND TEMPERANCE UNION.

To Mr. J. M. Skinner.

DEAR SIR,—We desire you to accept this, a purse of £25, contributed by members and friends of the Union, as a small token of the great esteem in which we hold you, and our gratitude for the ready, effective, and valiant services you have rendered to this Union and all kindred societies during the six years you resided in this city, wishing you happiness and every success in your new sphere.

We remain, dear Mr. Skinner,
Yours most sincerely,
HENRY W. DASHWOOD (President).
ROBERT JAMES GRUBB (Treasurer).
JOHN H. SALTER (Secretary).
AMOS JOHN GEORGE (Organising Agent).

April 16, 1886.

Bro. Skinner made an excellent response, and Bro. Weatherill also spoke, after a cordial invitation from the chairman.

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REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF JUVENILE TEMPLARS

TO THE G.L. OF ENGLAND, NEWPORT, MON., EASTER, 1886.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Herewith is the usual statistical return, shewing the present number of members to be 48,743, as against 49,252 reported last year, a decrease of 509.

NEW RETURN FORMS.—Last year I intimated that a change of report forms, such as would give the G.S.J.T. an oversight of District statistics, would be advantageous. This has proved so, and has prevented sleeping Temples being reported quarter after quarter as working.

DECREASES.—In two Districts the effects were certainly startling—Lancs. S.E. being reduced 1,900 members, and Yorks. S.W. 626. In neither District has there been any loss of Temples to account for the decrease—Yorks S.W. having exactly the same number of Temples and its membership for the past six months steadily increasing, and Lancs. S.E. with its membership more rapidly increasing and but one Temple less. On the introduction of the new report forms Kent Mid was reduced 367.

The following Districts shew large decreases, without any satisfactory reason:—Kent E., 61 per cent.; Somerset M., 62 per cent.; Shropshire, 61 per cent.; Yorks. E., 45 per cent.; whilst Dorset, Hunts., Kent E., and Surrey W. have gone down quarter by quarter.

Last year I had the pleasure of reporting Cumberland E. as working again. Since then it has died, but has sprung into life once more since February 1. We have one Temple now working in Carlisle.

CHALLENGE SHIELD AND INCREASES.—The District of Monmouth, which won the Challenge Shield last year, is again entitled to it, having made an increase this year of 63·22 per cent.—it has now 679 members in seven Temples. Monmouth is followed by Cambridge, with 54·15 per cent. increase, and Yorks. Central with 50·12 per cent. increase. There are four Districts whose increases per cent. are higher than the above, but each having less than five Temples could not enter into the competition for the shield. The Districts are Northampton N., increase 457·57 per cent., Devon N.; 167·16 per cent.; Cornwall W., 90 per cent.; and Naval, 78·16 per cent.

The following Districts also shew large numerical increases deserving special notice. Durham N., Durham S., Kent W., and Northumberland. Nine other Districts have made steady progress, increasing every quarter, viz.: Bucks, Cambridge, Cheshire E. and M., Devon E., Lancs. N., Somerset W., Stafford N., Warwick, and Wilts.

NEW TEMPLES.—Eighty-six new Temples have been instituted during the year, eight other applications have also been granted, and 10 dead Temples have been brought to life, whilst many sleeping Temples have been awakened.

COMMUNICATIONS.—During the year I have received nearly 5,000 communications, and despatched close upon 9,000.

FOREIGN TEMPLES.—The most unproductive part of my labour is in connection with the Foreign Temples. At the last Grand Lodge we were supposed to have 13 Temples in nine Districts, with a membership of 699. Every Temple (excepting one I could not find) have been communicated with MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, and SPECIALLY. Excepting Belgium, I has not received a single report for either November or February. Three only reported in August and two in May. Seven have not reported at all and so I must consider the Juvenile Order dead in the Districts of Antigua, Argentine Confederation, British Guiana, Grenada, and St. Kits.

I cannot understand why the G.S.J.T. of England, with her hands quite full, should have the care and worry of these Foreign Temples, which really should belong to the R.W.G.L. of the World, to whom I recommend they be transferred.

NATIONAL PRIZE EXAMINATION.—The National Prize Examination arranged to be held last April was carried out. There were fewer competitors than the previous year, and I accordingly withheld one-half of the amount voted for prizes. Feeling assured that competitions in separate Districts would be much better, with the consent of the Grand Lodge Executive, I have made no arrangements this year for a National Competition, but have urged D.S.J.T.'s to push the matter in their several Districts.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd, P.R.W.G.Ch., for framing the questions and acting as adjudicator, and also to Bro. Howarth, P.G.W.M., who acted as his colleague in the adjudication.

STACY-WATSON SENIOR TEMPLE COMPETITION.—August last concluded the year of competition amongst Senior Temples for libraries so kindly offered by Bro. C. Stacy-Watson. The first library value £6, was taken by the Excelsior Temple, No. 841, at Farnworth, Lancashire, S.E., Bro. Joseph Cooper, S.J.T., and the second library, value £4, by Connecting Link Temple, No. 366, at Littledean, Gloucester N.W., Bro. Rev. C. J. Reskelley, S.J.T. Each library is a good selection of books chosen by Bros. Stacy-Watson and R. P. J. Simpson.

DECISIONS.—During the past year I have given the following decisions:—

1. That the Juvenile Pledge is life-long.

2. That the principle of the G.L. bye-law upon Lodge amusements applied in the juvenile Order and character dress could not be allowed.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.—The District of S.E. Lancs. has been for the past 12 months and still is a source of great anxiety, there being no D.S.J.T. since the resignation of Bro. Wilson in September last. The brother nominated by the District council being in my opinion a very unsuitable man, I have felt it my duty to decline to commission him. This opinion I intimated to District Lodge, who refused to hear my letter and endorsed his recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION OF D.S.J.T.—The above state of affairs shews a necessity for a change in the present method of recommending, installing, and commissioning this representative of the G.S.J.T. I therefore recommend that the D.S.J.T. shall not be installed until his recommendation has been endorsed by the G.S.J.T.

The importance of this will be further illustrated when I inform you that 20 days after I was supposed to have commissioned all my D.S.J.T.'s, and they actually held commissions I did not know the names and addresses of 24 out of the 64 officers I had commissioned, and I had to apply to others for this information. Indirectly I obtained the names of some, and yet 10 days later I had to make a second appeal to 13 Districts for this information.

ASSISTANT S.J.T.'s.—The creating of the office of A.S.J.T. was one of the most important items of legislation for the Juvenile Order, having proved one of the most beneficial. To my knowledge it has saved dozens of Temples and prepared many for the office of Superintendent. To all who hold or have held office as A.S.J.T. the special thanks of this Grand Lodge are due.

Thanking you for the trust reposed in me and also all the brothers and sisters who had rendered me their willing aid.—I am, sincerely yours,

LYDIA A. WALSHAW.

HOW FERMENTATION OF WINE CAN BE PREVENTED.—The fermentation of grape juice can be prevented in various ways. I. By cold. Fermentation does not take place at a temperature below 40 Fahr. II. By heat. We kept grape juice for lengthened periods, unfermented and free from alcohol, by the following applications of heat:—1. The juice heated to 32 below the boiling point of 212 Fahr., poured into a new pig-skin, and tied tightly close to the contents. 2. The juice heated in an air-tight vessel in boiling water. 3. The juice freely exposed to air laden with yeast germs, and heated daily to 27 Fahr. below boiling point. 4. Juice boiled daily for one month and freely exposed to yeast-saturated atmosphere. III. By inspissation, to one-half, one-third, and one-fourth of the original bulk of the juice. One specimen after seven years contained no alcohol. IV. By evaporation, to dryness, yielding portable wine like the modern "portable soup." V. By much sugar. VI. By antiseptics. Juice treated with sulphurous or salycilic acid. Juice unheated passed through tow washed with weak solution of carbolic acid. The tanning of the skin bottles of the ancients gave antiseptic action. VII. By destruction and exclusion of yeast germs. VIII. By sulphuriaation. Casks and bottles sulphured and tightly closed. This must never ferments. (Muspratt, "Chem.," ii. 1119; Redding, p. 42; Sutton, "Cult. Grape Vine," pp. 163, 164.)—*Dr. Norman Kerr.*

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The ANNUAL MEETING will be held in EXETER HALL, on MONDAY EVENING, 3rd May, at 6.30 p.m.

The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP of LONDON, President of the League, will preside; and the meeting will be addressed by the Rev. WILLIAM BRAY, Newport, Mon.; Rev. J. MARSHALL LANG, D.D., Glasgow; Rev. URIAH R. THOMAS, Bristol; Surgeon-Major R. PAINGLE, M.D.; S. A. BLACKWOOD, Esq., C.B.; J. W. PROBYN, Esq., J.P., Crawley; Sir LLEWELYN TURNER, J.P., Carnarvon.

The TEMPERANCE CHORAL SOCIETY (Conductor Mr. BIRCH), assisted by other Choirs, will give a short Concert prior to the Chair being taken, commencing at 6 p.m.; and will sing at intervals during the evening.

Admission Free. Tickets for Reserved Seats, 1s. each, may be obtained at the Offices of the League, 337, Strand.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

The ANNUAL SERMON at the METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE will be preached on SUNDAY, 2nd MAY, by the Rev. COLMER B. SYMES, B.A., Kensington. Service to commence at Three o'clock.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1886.

THE GRAND LODGE TIMES.—On each day during the session a small four-page paper was published, giving a condensed report of the proceedings. It was edited by the G.W.Sec. and the A.G.S., and afforded interest and amusement during the proceedings. Its price was 1d., and we believe copies of the series may still be obtained.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING of the National Temperance League is announced to be held at Exeter Hall on Monday evening, May 3, commencing at 6 o'clock. The president of the League, the Lord Bishop of London, will preside, and some half-a-dozen other gentlemen will deliver addresses. The meeting should be largely attended, and the fact that Mr. Birch's choral society will render a spirited programme of part-songs, &c., should not be forgotten. Anniversary sermons will be preached at the Metropolitan Tabernacle on Sunday afternoon, May 2, and at Westminster Abbey in the evening of that day.

BRO. THE REV. FORBES E. WINSLOW, P.G.W.Ch., is credited with devising a novel plan to outwit pickpockets. Says the *Sussex Daily News*, "It seldom happens that humour shows itself from the pulpit, but an instance occurred on Sunday last, when the Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. Leonards (the Rev. Forbes Winslow), after referring to the loss of money from one of the boxes, humorously warned the congregation that at that season of the year, when the places of worship were crowded, there were a good many light-fingered gentry among the congregations, and that they were addicted to relieving their victims of their money, especially when leaving. He suggested, as a means to obviate so undesirable an event, that the visitors should give all their money to the collections when the plate was passed!"

REPORT OF THE GRAND ELECTORAL SUPERINTENDENT.

G. W.C.T., OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

The past year has been an eventful one politically, and has involved arduous, anxious, and almost incessant labour on my part in the interest of our great cause.

THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

The great political event of the year was the election of a new Parliament. It is certain that the members of our Order exerted a powerful influence both before and during the contest, and that the extended franchise placed a large number upon the voting lists who had been imbued with our teaching, and were amongst the most earnest, intelligent, and active workers in the various political conflicts. To this fact the seed-sowing of past years, the influences of the Lodge-room, the results of our millions of tracts, the teachings of our numerous and largely attended public meetings, may largely be traced the healthy public sentiment in favour of Temperance legislation which Parliamentary candidates so readily detect, and which so largely directs their sympathies and conduct when elected.

The Temperance census of the new Parliament claims that 350 members are in favour of Local Option in some form, and that of these 204 are prepared to vote for the direct local veto. The local optionists of one kind or another may be presumed to include the supporters of Licensing Boards, or of "Local Control" as proposed by Mr. Stafford Howard's Bill, or of whatever scheme may be proposed by the promised Government measure.

Our losses in the Parliamentary campaign were severe if we take in to account the value and importance of individuals, but no previous Parliament had contained so many earnest Temperance reformers as the present, and we should do our utmost to obtain from it that much desired measure of Local Option, which will enable ratepayers anywhere to prohibit the liquor traffic by a direct veto when they so desire. The absence of Sir Wilfrid Lawson from the House of Commons inflicts irreparable injury for the time. Mr. B. Whitworth and Mr. Arthur Pease are also trusted and valiant leaders, whose absence from Parliament is a calamity. Not less regrettable was the defeat of Mr. Caine, in Middlesex, but we have cause to rejoice that the honourable member for Barrow-in-Furness, Mr. Caine, is again in his place under circumstances that should encourage him to lead the Temperance party of Parliament with a bold front. In reference to my own candidature, I need only here remark that I wish it had been successful, and express my hearty thanks to brethren and sisters throughout the country, who evinced a warm practical sympathy, and greatly encouraged and helped me in the contest. This personal reference may call for some further remarks in the course of the Session.

WHAT THE NEW PARLIAMENT HAS DONE.

Temperance legislation has not been entirely ignored by the new Parliament. Sir J. W. Pease's Sunday Closing Bill, as it is called (framed for somewhat curtailing the Sunday traffic); the Durham Sunday Closing Bill; and Mr. Conybeare's Bill to Protect Young Children, have all passed their second reading, and the Durham Bill will shortly be considered by the House of Lords. Mr. Conybeare's Bill is threatened in committee, and strenuous efforts will be made to except from its provisions children who are sent to buy drink for their parents. I trust Grand Lodge will petition Parliament to pass the Bill in its entirety, and that our members everywhere will use all the influence they can command to secure its speedy adoption. An earnest and active committee of Temperance politicians in Parliament has been formed, which had already promoted a deputation to Mr. Chamberlain, while the right hon. gentleman presided at the Local Government office, asking him to lay on the table of the House the proposed Government measure. Mr. Chamberlain declined to pledge himself, but expressed a belief that the tendency of the measure would be to place the entire control of licensing in the hands of popularly elected bodies. Surely every enlightened Temperance Organisation should combine to oppose such a measure. It may involve the control and even the strangulation of Local Option. To give absolute power to any body whatever (whether Imperially appointed or popularly elected) to curse the community in whose midst it exists, is a species of tyranny and corruption

which every true Temperance reformer should withstand to the utmost. A more anomalous departure towards misgovernment could hardly be suggested. Such a scheme would offer the strongest possible inducements to corruption of the worst kind. It would be only a pretence of Local Option, and under this pretence the licensing system would possibly strike its roots more deeply and multiply its victims on all hands. Local Government itself would be degraded and dishonoured, and good men would more and more keep aloof from the municipal conflict and worry to which such a system would subject them. I would urge the formation of a National Council representing all parts of England, which should collect expressions of opinion from political, religious, and Temperance bodies, and communicate such opinions by means of an influential deputation to the Government. The direct popular veto must be demanded and enforced; and to this end the Temperance party needs better organisation, so that votes shall only be given for members of Parliament who will support the direct veto, and so that the fate of any Government shall be endangered by withholding it.

FUTURE LEGISLATION.

I am of opinion that every step in the direction of licensing by the people, or by elected representatives of the people, will be an aggravation of the evils of the existing system; and I see great danger lest Temperance reformers may be lured to support a very delusive and mischievous form of Local Option, by the bait of the Direct Veto being held up to their imagination as a possible addition to some unsound scheme. They may thus find themselves the victims of elected Licensing Boards, and discover that they have been parties to the forging of a new and more formidable licensing system than at present exists, without having secured the only measure worth working for, the power of the inhabitants to prohibit the traffic by a direct local veto. Every effort to fasten a licensing system upon the people should be strenuously opposed, and true Temperance reformers should stand out firmly and boldly against any legislators and any Government that may introduce a measure failing to confer complete prohibitory power upon the people in their several localities. It is high time that a clear issue were started and fought out. Members of Parliament and Cabinets should now be brought to take sides, and declare themselves. The main question at issue should be whether they are with the publicans or with the people. The transference of licensing an evil traffic from a judicial authority to a popularly elected body would be a woful example of ruling incapacity on the part of the British Government. Parliament might as well, and with less tendency to corruption and disorder, ask the people of themselves, or by their local representatives, to sanction bad sanitation, dishonesty, crime, the pollution of rivers, the licensing of vicious resorts, or any other form of social evil. This is an unheard of violation of the prime duty of a strong and righteous Government, and a strange abortion of Mr. Gladstone's own doctrine that it is the duty of a Government to make it easy to do right and difficult to do wrong. On the other hand, so long as Parliament shall continue to legalise this evil traffic in any form and upon any conditions, alleging in justification the claims of public convenience or requirements, it is intolerable that any law or any tribunal should be permitted to force the traffic into neighbourhoods where the inhabitants protest against its existence. A traffic, whose evil consequences render it an infamy and a curse wherever it exists, ought not to be endured even by a protesting minority; but to impose it upon an outraged majority is a species of tyranny and wrong for which there can be no excuse and no compensation. I would, therefore, again most respectfully and urgently press this one measure upon our membership, and ask them to concentrate their best efforts upon the demand for A DIRECT POPULAR LOCAL VETO.

Many minor legislative proposals may suggest themselves as deserving our assistance, and I would heartily recommend the support of every effort, however small, in the right direction; but we must not overlook the danger of blocking the way by small proposals. We may thus wastefully absorb time and influence, and detract from the force needed to ensure the success of our efforts to obtain the right of the direct veto.

THE CASE OF EX-DETECTIVE WILLIAMS.

The petition to Parliament for the release of ex-Detective Williams from penal servitude, which was signed at our last session in Manchester by representatives from every county in England, was duly presented by Mr. Benjamin Whitworth, M.P., and I lost no opportunity of informing the public and bringing influence to bear upon Parliament so long as any hope remained. I have addressed a number of large meetings in London, and others in Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby and Leicester; whilst numerous other meetings were held in various parts of the country as the result of our efforts and the interest created by the official organ. The change of Ministry and the general election hindered the continuance of these efforts, but as soon as the new Parliament had settled to its work, I was enabled, in conjunction with the Hon. Sec. of the London Committee, to enlist the valuable aid and influence of Mr. Lewis McIver, M.P. After conference with that gentleman I prepared a memorial from Mrs. Williams praying for the clemency of the Crown. This has been signed by her and presented by Mr. McIver to the Home Secretary; also another memorial, to which Mr. McIver, assisted by Mr. Joseph Leicester, M.P., and other friends, obtained the signatures of Mr. John Bright and many members of Parliament, urging a similar request. I earnestly hope that ere long I may be able to report the release of Williams from imprisonment, as one step towards retracing the cruel injustice which I am convinced he has innocently suffered.

DISTRICT ELECTORAL SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

A considerable number of D.E.S.'s have again failed to send me their annual reports. The omissions will be noted by the non-mention of such Districts in the following summary :—

CHESHIRE, WEST.—Bro. John Davies, D.E.S., reports active interest in Parliamentary Election. Highly commends action of Bro. Hall, C.S., of Crewe. Delivered lectures on Local Option v. Local Control; visited Lodges. Thinks we shall never get what we want until Prohibitionists break up "Liberal Party," and set up their own establishment. Would create enthusiasm amongst our members by promoting an I.O.G.T. Direct Veto Bill.

CUMBERLAND, EAST.—Bro. Thomas Todd, D.E.S., reports good work at the Election. The Liberal candidates were favourable; "The Tories would not have anything to do with us." Thinks Lodges should be compelled to elect E.S.'s or surrender their charters.

CUMBERLAND, WEST.—Bro. John Penn, D.E.S., reports that good Election work was done at Whitehaven. Constituency deputies were at work in every other constituency except Cockermouth. Held conferences, formed committees, and distributed 30,000 leaflets during General Election.

DEVON, EAST.—Bro. E. Pike, D.E.S., complains of remissness of E.S.'s in failing to send reports. Secured return of Prohibition M.P.'s in Torquay and Ashburton divisions. Other divisions not fought on these lines.

DEVON, SOUTH. — Bro. J. F. Rich, D.E.S, reports satisfactory results in municipal contests. Has attended D.L. and Ex. meetings, expounded principles, distributed literature, and promoted petitions for Sunday Closing and Poole Perjury case. Finds indisposition with members to discuss political action, and thinks a separate Political Action Committee should supervise the electoral work and keep it "entirely separate from rescuing poor fallen ones."

DORSET (NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, AND WEST DIVISIONS).—Bro. John T. Baker, D.E.S., reports remissness of E.S.'s in sending returns. Commends the C.S. of Weymouth for good work at Parliamentary Election. Corresponded with candidates at the General Election. Recommends E.S.'s to cultivate the electors in their respective Lodges; and for C.S. to look after Lodges and instruct them in the vote for vote policy.

DURHAM, NORTH.—Bro. Wm. Brown, D.E.S., reports good work in supporting favourable candidates at the General Election, in fact, the whole of the successful candidates in the District. Some good fighting in municipal contest.

DURHAM, SOUTH. — Bro. William Dodgson, D.E.S., reports that with few exceptions our members voted for Direct Veto candidates for Parliament, in many cases voting against their party proclivities. Lodges were well looked after and advised, and 60,000 tracts or pamphlets distributed. Bro. Wrathall's addresses very useful. All M.P.'s for South Durham, except Sir J. Pease, favour the direct Local Veto. This District maintains its high character for political zeal and consistency, and the result is all that might be expected.

GLOUCESTER, EAST. — Bro. W. Newcombes, D.E.S., reports some Lodges remiss as to election of E.S. Some good work done at Election. Cheltenham returned a brewer, with the aid, he regrets to say, of some Good Templars.

HANTS, SOUTH.—Bro. J. G. Rogers, D.E.S., reports good work at the general election, including visitation, meetings, circulars, issue of literature, &c.; also activity in municipal elections. Regrets lack of funds, and suggests some system, either national or local, for electoral work, and the formation of a National Temperance party.

HUNTS., NORTH.—Bro. Walter Wilmot, D.E.S., reports good work at Parliamentary Election. Some Lodges not interested in political work.

HERTS. — Bro. John Edward Gray, D.E.S., reports active effort at General Election. Candidates all questioned, &c. An evident tendency to secure "return of a Liberal government." There is a scarcity of Lodges in this county.

ISLE OF WIGHT.—Bro. Rev. J. E. Shephard, D.E.S., reports activity at Parliamentary Election. D.E.S. spoke in reply to the M.P. in relation to Sunday Closing and Local Option; also printed and circulated 5,000 copies of speech, and 10,000 leaflets. Visited and addressed various Districts.

KENT, WEST.—Bro. Henry Renshaw has rendered active service. Worked successfully at the Brewster Sessions Laments lack of interest with many members.

LANCASHIRE, NORTH.—Bro. T. Swindlehurst, D.E.S., reports good work. Length of district no less than 80 miles. Includes Preston, where, in spite of so much Temperance teaching, two adverse candidates succeeded, and Mr. T. W. Russell, "a candidate that any constituency might be proud of," suffered defeat. Other constituencies equally unsuccessful, except Barrow, but Mr. Duncan ultimately unseated, and Mr. W. S. Caine triumphantly returned.

LANCASHIRE, S.W.—Bro. Morris Jones, D.E.S., reports good work at General Election. Candidates written to and interviewed; 10 promised Direct Veto. Out of 19 only three Temperance candidates secured seats. Temperance political education sadly needed amongst many Good Templars in this district. Thinks more literature should be judiciously circulated in the Lodges.

LINCOLNSHIRE.—Bro. J. R. Longstaff, D.E.S., reports work at General Election. Issued three separate addresses to the Lodges.

MIDDLESEX.—Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., reports: "We have done no special work. It is more than we can do, seeing how much we have to fight against our members mixing with party politics. Bro. Jones recommends that every member, from G. L. Executive downwards, determine not to mix with any political party, but form a party of our own outside altogether of anything but Temperance. Let our Temperance be uppermost and our Toryism and Radicalism at the bottom," &c.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Bro. A. W. Wilkie, D.E.S., reports good work at the Election, and success of sound candidates. Attention being given to registration and education.

SOMERSET, EAST.—Bro. Wm. J. Holbrook, D.E.S., reports good work at Brewster Sessions and at School Board election.

SURREY, EAST AND MID.—Bro. John Woollacott, D.E.S., reports active work at General Election at cost of about £20, also at School Board election.

YORKS, NORTH-WEST.—Bro. Joseph Walshaw, D.E.S., reports the formation prior to general election of a Temperance Hundred pledged to Direct Veto. Members worked well and result satisfactory. Every County Rep. pledged to Direct Veto, also three Borough Reps. Other three Borough Reps. in favour of Local Option (whatever they may mean by it).

YORKSHIRE, N.—Bro. John W. B. Lee reports that he corresponded with the Lodges advising and urging active effort at the General Election.

YORKSHIRE, S.W.—Bro. James Hampshire reports that the C. S.'s worked splendidly at the General Election, but many members voted for candidates opposed to Temperance legislation. Out of 12 candidates recommended by S.W. Yorks, 10 were elected pledged to support sound Temperance legislation. Our brother has organised electoral work in this District most effectively, and has given it active and laborious personal supervision, with good results.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity,

JOHN KEMPSTER.

GUARDIAN ELECTION.—Bro. J. Wilson, P.D.C.T., has been re-elected guardian for the 10th year, and was at Carston Board meeting on April 24, re-elected senior vice-chairman for the third time.

HONOURING DECEASED TEMPERANCE VETERANS.

THE LATE JABEZ INWARDS.

On Good Friday afternoon, in the presence of an estimated assembly of some 8,000 persons, a drinking fountain, erected at the junction of Great College-street and Kentish Town-road, in the northern part of the Metropolis, as a memorial of the late Mr. Jabez Inwards, was unveiled and dedicated to the use of the public. The Rev. G. M. Murphy presided at the ceremony, and the following address was read and presented to the rev. gentleman :—

"Sir,—In asking you to dedicate to the use of the public this memorial fountain erected by the friends of Temperance on ground generously given by the Vestry of St. Pancras, the design being furnished by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association, the committee desire to place upon record their profound gratitude to God for the gift of a life so noble as that of their late ever-to-be-lamented friend, to whose memory this fountain is dedicated, He was a prince among men, of sterling and inflexible principles, who feared God and wrought righteousness earnestly. As a tee-totaler he was second to none. He was uncompromising, and in its advocacy powerful and untiring. He was a genial companion, a lover of all good men, and the friend of all true reform, amongst whom he was a giant in mind and intellect. In passing away he has left a gap not easy to be filled; but his life and labours will be cherished, and the memories of the past will spread a sweet fragrance among those whom coming generations will honour for their steady endeavors and persistent efforts to rid England and the world of the shame and curse of drunkenness. He was faithful unto death; he rests from his labours, and his works do follow him."

After Mr. Murphy had replied to the address, Bro. Rev. G. W. McCree moved the following resolution :—"That the thanks of the friends of Temperance are due and are hereby given to the churchwardens and members of the Vestry of St. Pancras for the free gift of the eligible site on which the memorial fountain to the late Mr. Jabez Inwards is erected."—This was seconded by Mr. R. Rae, of the National Temperance League, and carried by acclamation.—Mr. T. E. Gibb, M.P., replied in appropriate terms, and was followed by Mr. Beavis, Vestryman of St. Pancras.—Captain Revell moved, Mr. William Saunders, M.P., seconded, the following resolution :—"That this demonstration of teetotalers and others sincerely thank the Drinking Fountain Association and the subscribers to the memorial fund for their kindly efforts which have culminated in the dedication of so handsome a fountain to the public use."—This was carried by acclamation. Mrs. Jabez Inwards then unveiled the fountain, amid loud and continuous cheering, and, having first drunk of the water, Mr. Murphy proclaimed it opened for the use of the public for ever. The Doxology was next sung, and the proceedings ended.

The fountain is 13ft. 6in. high, width at base 10ft. 4in., surmounted with an urn of granite marble. The inscription on the one side runs : "Erected by the friends of Temperance to the memory of Jabez Inwards; born April 23, 1807; died at Kentish Town Dec. 21, 1880," whilst suitable Scripture texts are inscribed on each of the other sides.

THE LATE GEORGE THORNELOE.

Good Friday also witnessed the honouring of another lamented worthy, our Bro. George Thorneloe, whose remains lay in Nunhead Cemetery. It is not necessary to dwell at length upon the work accomplished by our late brother. Those who knew him knew him as one of the most indefatigable workers in the Temperance cause. His powerful advocacy was at the service of all sections of the movement. Of late years his whole time was devoted to the work, and not only his time but his means also. Thousands of miles he travelled each year that he might appeal to the people in the remote parts of our land, and great blessings invariably followed his fervent addresses. As the founder and conductor of the mission amongst the common lodging-houses of the Mint, in the South of London, his name will continue green in the memory of many a family of which some member has been raised from the lowest depths, by his sympathetic care and helping hand; in the hearts of such he will ever live, but, says the committee, we desire that coming generations shall find a witness to the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him—esteem for his singleness of aim in the reclamation of the fallen, his burning zeal in the cause of sobriety, and the patriotic devotion of his talents to the best interests of his country.

Soon after Bro. Thorneloe's decease steps were taken to perpetuate his memory. A committee was formed, amongst whom were Mr. G. W. Johnson, and Bros. N. W. Hubbard, P.D.C.T. (chairman), and C. Pinhorn, D.C.T. (secretary), and subscriptions were solicited, originally with the intention of placing a drinking fountain on a spot on the vicinity of the deceased's labours, but, from some cause or other, contributions did not flow in as was expected or as such a good object deserved, and it was eventually decided, by the leave of subscribers, to erect a memorial over the grave. The selected design is a broken shaft of polished Aberdeen granite, about 10 feet high, on a solid square York-staging base. The cost is £57, the expenses totalling some £63. Towards this about £52 has been promised and received.

As the rules of the cemetery company prohibit demonstrations of any kind in the grounds the next best thing was done, and a memorial service was held in the adjacent Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham, on Good Friday afternoon at four p.m., to signalise the consummation of the work. Bro. the Rev. W. Mildon, P.W.D.Ch., who was a co-labourer in the work of Bro. Thornelee among the common lodging-houses of the Mint, &c., appropriately conducted a short and impressive service. Bro. Supt. Foster presided, and gave an address. Mr. G. W. Johnson, Bro. C. Hill, and Bro. Mildon also spoke. Sister Marion Hyde, of the Royal Normal College for the Blind, sang with excellent taste, "There is a green hill far away."

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was proposed by Mr. Dunkley, seconded by Bro. J. Hodges, W.D.S., and carried unanimously, those present proceeded to the cemetery to inspect the monument, which some 200 and 300 sympathisers had also visited during the afternoon. The memorial is inscribed as follows :—

In Memoriam.

GEORGE THORNELOE,

Born at Groby, Leicestershire, May 17th, 1826.
Died at Kennington, Surrey, June 26th, 1884.

Erected by friends, as a mark of esteem for his intense devotion to the Temperance cause during a period of 34 years.
April 23rd, 1886.

Taking advantage of the occasion, Peckham Lodge, No. 5, which meets at the Albert Hall, had provided a tea for the visitors, and on their return from the cemetery some 60 friends sat down to an excellently served tea, to which hearty justice was done. The Lodge is to be congratulated upon the success of the effort, as the experience of former Good Friday ventures was not at all an encouragement.

To crown a well-spent day a public meeting was held subsequently to the tea, over which Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D., presided. Addresses were given by the chairman, and Bro. F. W. Dimbleby, P.D.C.T.; Mr. W. Bell, of the U.K. Band of Hope Union; Bro. W. Ventris, of the Rechabites; and Bro. C. Pinhorn, D.C.T. Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., sang "Where is my Wandering Boy to-night," and little Miss Barbut gave a recitation in a manner to well merit the applause she received at its finish. Thus ended a good day's work.

THE FRIENDS' SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE.—On Good Friday the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the London Quakers' Teetotal Association was held at their meeting-house in St. John's-lane, Clerkenwell, under the presidency of Mr. T. Scott. The chairman explained that on that day they celebrated the 109th anniversary of the opening of that place of worship, which during its chequered career had been devoted to enterprises having for their aim the amelioration of the spiritual, social, and material condition of the industrial classes of the Metropolis. It was a gratifying fact that during the past decade of its existence some well-known members of the Friends' Society — such as Mr. Pease, of Darlington, and Mr. Fry, of Bristol —had taken part in their meetings, the influence of which, he had no doubt, permeated the working classes of Clerkenwell with a happy result. At the conclusion of the chairman's address, which was frequently applauded, a service of song was efficiently rendered by the choir, and the proceedings terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Scott for presiding.

FOOD ADULTERATION.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homœopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." CADBURY'S Cocoa is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[ADVT.]

KILBURN TEMPERANCE COUNCIL.

ITS SECRETARY CHARGED WITH LIBEL BY A PUBLICAN,

At the Marylebone Police-court, on April 24, Mr. Arthur Ernest Canney, hon. secretary of the Kilburn Temperance Council, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously publishing a defamatory libel concerning Mr. George Shield, landlord of the Lord Palmerston public-house, High-road, Kilburn, —Mr. Maitland, solicitor to the Licensed Victuallers' Association, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. G. Candy, barrister, was for the defendant.—In stating the case for the prosecution, Mr. Maitland said the libel complained of was contained in a paper called the *Beacon*, the official organ of the Kilburn Temperance Council. In the paper was a paragraph headed, "Dare You Drink Again?" which ran as follows :—"A horrible occurrence at the Lord Palmerston.—On Saturday night last a disgusting scene was witnessed at the Lord Palmerston. A poor unfortunate girl, who had been supplied with drink to excess, was thrown out: her language and screams were horrible, and three policemen were not sufficient to carry her off. After a scene which was too disgusting to be described, a stretcher was fetched, the girl thrown in, strapped down, and rushed off, amidst the jeers and laughter of a cowardly and mean crowd, nearly all of whom had been drinking. We protest against the base and abominable behaviour of the cowardly landlord of the Lord Palmerston, who bribes the police three and four times a day with beer to throw out these unfortunate creatures when he has got all their money, and made them drunk." That was the libel complained of. Whatever may have occurred was at a neighbouring public-house, and the girl was carried past the Lord Palmerston, where she had been refused drink.—Mr. Shield, the complainant, was called, and he categorically denied the charges contained in the paragraph; and other witnesses gave some formal evidence.—Mr. Candy expressed his client's regret for writing the last sentence of the paragraph, and explained that it was committed to paper while suffering from strong emotion and excitement, produced as the result of seeing something of what had happened. With regard to the other part of the article, he might be able to justify it at a future time.—Mr. Canney was committed for trial, but was admitted to bail in one surety of £10.

RECEIPTS TO CURE THE DRINK CRAVE.

1. "I reply there is but one remedy—total abstinence."—Dr. Edmunds, Senior Physician to London. Tem. Hospital.

2. "Total abstinence is essential. This is the experience of all who have successfully treated the drink crave."—Norman Kerr, M.D., F.L.S.

3. "It is of paramount importance that alcohol should never pass the individual's lips."—C. R. Francis, M.D., late Surgeon-General of India.

4. "Entire removal of stimulants."—Dr. Stewart, of Clifton.

5. "Such a case as that which I have described would clench every argument that had been described in that room to the effect that there is no cure whatever for such cases but abstinence to the last day of their lives."—B. W. Richardson, M.D., &c.

ROME AND THE AMERICAN LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—The decrees of the council of Roman Catholic bishops held at Baltimore upwards of a year ago have been confirmed by the Pope and returned to America. On the subject of Temperance, however, says the *Christian Leader*, the Baltimore decrees mark an advance, and this is all the more commendable considering the enormous power of the liquor interest among the Roman Catholic population in New York and the other great cities of America. Not only is personal abstinence and the Temperance societies warmly commended, the "faithful people who sell intoxicating liquors" are solemnly warned to "consider seriously by how many and how serious dangers and occasions of sin their business, although not unlawful in itself, is surrounded." They are advised to choose, "if they can, a more honourable way of making a living"; and if this is not practicable they are enjoined not to sell drink to the young and to keep their saloons closed on Sunday. The pressure of Protestant public opinion in the United States is clearly visible in this and also in some of the other decrees.

IMPROVED GOOD TEMPLARS.

An *Improved Order* of I. O. G. T. is advertised whose improvemeat consists in not having any Grand Lodge to trouble them.

A still further and more ingenious and invigorating improvement is suggested, viz., let every individual be his own Lodge, and stay at home, and then he will not be tramelled with either Grand Lodge or Subordinate, and his Temperance organisation will not cost him a cent, but he will get the whole benefit of the society himself.

In the north-eastern portions of this continent, where the beaver used to be abundant, those animals always had a society which regulated the whole beaver economy; and the society built their dams, and domiciles, and dormitories with every necessary precaution of escape from danger, and always made a success of their colony; but there was occasionally found an improved order of beaver, who either wanted to be independent of the Grand Lodge of Beavers, or was kicked out of the society for bad behaviour. That odd beaver always lived alone, and just bored a hole in the bank anywhere, with only one entrance; he lived an independent life there, had his own way, and no per-capita tax to pay, and was supremely happy, but the first Indian hunter that came along that way was sure of one beaver skin, without any trouble, and that tribe never increased. And that is just about what will happen with these new improvements that don't want to have any leaders or helpers, for fear that they might possibly be a help to somebody else but themselves. A society that cuts adrift from all others in that way is a perfectly selfish one, and carries in itself the sure elements of self-defeat. No society formed upon any such principles ever amounted to anything beyond making a little temporary chieftainship, and a dive into the pockets of its dupes for charter fees fired in the air, for all the good they do to any but the sharps and charlatans who pocket them.—A. D. Wood, California.

OBITUARY.

Bro. Stockdale, Windsor.—It is with the most sincere regret that the Royal Windsor Lodge has to record the death of Bro. Stockdale a charter member, he having joined the Order at Windsor 14 years ago, and who has ever been a devoted worker in the Temperance cause in the town and neighbourhood. Bro. Stockdale was also a member of the Windsor Local Parliament. His remains were interred on Thursday, April 22, at the Windsor Cemetery. A procession of Good Templars in regalia followed him to his last resting place, as did also several members from other institutions to which he belonged. Our brother leaves a widow and two children.—J. M.

Hull School Board.—The contested election has just been fought here, and has resulted in a great victory for the Good Templars and the Temperance party. Sometime ago we were called together by the D.E.S., East Yorks. (Bro. G. Hayler) to consider what action the Good Templars should take in the coming contest. It was determined to bring out a candidate on distinct Temperance principles, with a view to same being taught to the children. Mr. Mills, an old teetotaler, was nominated, and after holding meetings all over the town, assisted by Bro. J. A. Wade, J.P., and others, we have succeeded in getting our candidate elected.

Temperance Demonstration.—On Easter Sunday afternoon, a large Temperance demonstration took place on Peckham Rye, under the auspices of the combined Lodges of the I.O.G.T. and Phœnix Orders, for the benefit of the London Temperance Hospital. At 2 o'clock about 2,000 of the members assembled in High-street, Peckham, headed by bands and with banners flying, marched to the Rye, where the chair was taken by Mr. Peter O'Leary. There were between 6,000 and 7,000 persons, mainly of the working class, present. The chairman appealed strongly for support to the Temperance Hospital, which was wholly without endowment. Other members addressed the meeting, and a collection was then made for the hospital. The members of the Order, on their way both to and from the Rye, by means of boxes hooked on to the top of poles, collected contributions from people in the windows of the houses. About £7 was realised.

To Cyclists.—Strength and staying power, with admirable nutritive, flesh forming qualities, are retained in a concentrated form in Cadbury's Cocoa, providing an exhilarating beverage—comforting and sustaining for long or short trips.—[Advt.]

GRAND LODGE MEMBERS DECEASED.

Herewith is appended a list of all the Grand Lodge members who have passed away since we last met in Annual Session.

IN FRATERNAL MEMORY OF

John Burling, Hope of Dartford Lodge, Dartford. Died November 30, 1885.

Henry Belton, P.S.J.T., &c., Welcome Home Lodge. Died February 3, 1886.

Dennis Baker, P.L.D., &c., Bedford Lodge, London. Died November 28, 1885. Aged 27.

William Burrough, St. Phillip's Lodge, Bristol.

Donald Campbell, D.C.T. of Berks, Reading Lodge, Reading. Died July 13, 1885.

Cecilia Childs, P.W.V.T., Undercliff Lodge, Ventnor. Died December 5, 1885.

Ruth Capstick, P.S.J.T., Alston Lodge, Bradford. Received Degree at Bradford, 1885. Died December 2, 1885.

John Crossman, King of the Tamar Lodge, Gunnislake. Received Degree Plymouth, 1877. Died January 21, 1886.

William Colley, Jun., P.W.C.T., Feeling Heart Lodge, Lesmington. Received Degree at Birmingham, 1880. Died August 13, 1885.

Samuel Collier, P.W.C.T., &c., Blackburn Rescue Lodge, Blackburn. Died June 3, 1885.

George Charlton, H.D.G.W.C.T. of Gateshead. Died September 14, 1885.

Ann Davies, W.T., Ashley Lane Endeavour Lodge, Manchester. Received Degree at Manchester, 1885. Died June 15, 1885.

Sister Mrs. Drysdale. P.W.V.T., G. W. Johnson Lodge, London. Received Degree at Memorial Hall, London. Died October 25, 1885.

R. J. Edyvean, Bonâ Fide Lodge, Portheven. Received Degree at Aberdeen. Died from drowning March 3, 1886.

James Eddy, H.D.G.W.C.T., Rev Charles Garrett Lodge, Manchester. Died June 19, 1885.

George Fox, P.W.M., Emblem of Purity Lodge, South Durham. Received Degree, Newcastle, 1876. Dropped dead, January 6, 1886.

Wm. Foster, Wilberforce Lodge, Middlesbrough. Received Degree, Bradford, 1877. Killed on railway, November 17, 1885.

Samuel Hall, Regent Lodge, Staffordshire.

Henry R. Hatton, P.S.J.T., Furness Lodge, Barrow. Died March 10, 1886.

Caroline Hardy, W.V.T., M. S. and L. Lodge, Sheffield. Received Degree, Sheffield, 1874. Died May 15, 1885.

Robert Impey, P.W.D.Tr., Who is my Neighbour Lodge, Street.

Alderman Ireland, Bodmin, Crusaders Lodge. Died February 20, 1886.

Martha Ruth Lodge, P.W.C.T., British Workman Lodge, Sheffield. Received Degree, Sheffield, 1877. Died July 2, 1886. Aged 35.

Elizabeth Morris, Withdeane Court Lodge, Brighton.

J. W. Moreton, Standard Lodge, Liverpool.

James Nicholls, P.D.C.T., Good Hope Lodge, Norwich. Died July 7, 1885.

James Phillips, Golden Stream Lodge, E. and M. Surrey.

George Peek, W.C.T., Onward and Upward Lodge, Dartmouth. Died May 8, 1885.

James Rodd, John Bowen Lodge, Dartford. Died June 7, 1885.

Thomas Richardson, P.H.D.G.W.C.T. Received Degree, 1873. Died December 4, 1885.

James Street, P.W.C.T., Hope of Hertford Lodge, Hertford. Received Degree at Exeter Hall, London, 1878. Died March 15, 1885.

George Sutherland, H.D.G.W.C.T., West End of London Lodge, London. Received Degree 1883. Died April 21, 1885.

Frances Jane Thompson, W.V.T., Zetland Lodge, Coatham. Received Degree at Middlesbrough, 1878. Died January 14, 1886.

Sister S. H. Westlake, of Clevedon. Died October 10, 1885. Aged 40.

F. Wallis, P.D.C.T., of Kettering. Died December 31, 1885. Aged 53.

George Winter, sen., W.C.T. and S.J.T. Hugh Bourne Lodge, Kingston-on-Thames. Received Degree London, 1875. Died April 28, 1885.

W. H. Watts, P.D.D.G.W.C.T. of Northampton, S. Died August 26. Aged 44.

BRO. MANSERGH, P.G.W.C., ON GRAND LODGE PROCEDURE.

In a letter to the *Grand Lodge Times*, Bro, Mansergh writes:—"I am very anxious for the success of our Grand Lodge Session, and jealous of its prestige and importance. It is our Annual Parliament. The representatives have been duly elected, and at considerable expense have been brought from the extremes of our jurisdiction, and are really there to transact the business of our Order. JUST FOUR DAYS IN A YEAR ARE ALLOWED FOR THIS WORK. My object in thus addressing you is to beg of the Representatives to use that time *honestly*, and not fritter it away with useless chatter, and small talk which ought to be beneath the dignity of the Grand Lodge. Past Representatives, too, are much to blame in this matter, as well as the Representatives. Since I became a member of the Order in March, 1871, I have only been absent from two annual sessions, viz.: Plymouth and Southampton; and I have had perhaps the best means of judging the attendance, and am satisfied from close observation that year by year we lose the influence and help of true friends, who make up their minds, owing to the waste of time, never to come again to the G.L. Session. Some of these, nay I should say many, have told me so at the time and in fact have never been again seen. Business men, with whom time is money, and who are in the habit of husbanding it and getting as much done as possible in the shortest time, cannot bear with patience, the annoyance of listening hour by hour to useless points of order and discussion on questions that they have made up their minds about a score of years ago. Now I cannot, with all my admiration and love for our G.W.C.T., exonerate him from some blame. He is a little too fond of seeing and hearing a 'fratch' (excuse this bit of Lancashire) on a point of order, when he should come short and sharp down on the speaker and finish it. Last year at Manchester I was truly ashamed of the waste of time on Tuesday and Wednesday, and visitors from my own district laughed at the idea of the Grand Lodge meeting to do business and not doing it, and I wished they had been at home. Now, brethren, let us be sensible, let us meet to do *and do* the work at Newport with some common-sense and dignity."

Presentation of Lodge Furniture at Spennymoor.—On Wednesday evening, 21st inst., at the Triumph of Hope Lodge, Bro. Witherington, on behalf of the Lodge Furniture Committee, presented to the Lodge a handsome suite of Lodge furniture, comprising stands for W.C.T., W.V.T., W.Sec., and W.D.Sec., and altar, all in pitch pine—the handiwork of the Bros. Patterson, of Hartlepool, and also a new set of officers' regalia in silk velvet, with neat ornamentation. The cost, about 12 guineas, had been defrayed by means of a concert, profit on D.L. session, refreshment arrangements, and a donation from the trustees of the Temperance Hall Building Fund. Bro. W. Ayton, W.D.Sec., Sister Berriman, L.D., and Bro. J. Smith responded on behalf of the Lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the committee for their services. Several members of the committee (including Sisters Vennere, P.W.D.V.T., J. Fleming and M. Fleming, and Bros. Syme and J. Ayton), briefly addressed the Lodge. Music was supplied in an efficient manner by Sister Law and Bros. Law, Hirst, and Patterson. The meeting was largely attended and short addresses were delivered by Sister Metcalfe, P.V.D., and Bro. J. W. Fleming, C.S., also by Bros. Patterson and Oliver, who presided.

G.W.C.T.—JOSEPH MALINS, } G.L. Offices, Edmund
G.W.Sec.—J. B. COLLINGS, } St., Birmingham.
G.S.J.T.—JOSEPH WALSHAW, 30, Elmfield, Savile Park, Halifax.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"Templars, Birmingham."

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT FOR NORTHERN AREA.—JOHN WRATHALL, 7, Baldwin-street, Hawcoat, near Barrow-in-Furness.

GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE.
Hon. Sec.—BRO. S. R. ROLFE, 45, Paulet-road, Camberwell, S.E.

PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR SPECIAL V.D.—Bro. A. Bishton, 35, Abercrombie-street, Landport.

G.S.J.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

NEW TEMPLES.

No.	NAME.	DISTRICT.	INSTITUTING OFFICERS.
219	The Fitzhugh	Hunts	Fredk. Charles Reed
350	Ivy	Kent, Mid.	James Wells, D.S.J.T.

(Signed) LYDIA A. WALSHAW, G.S.J.T.

NEW GOOD TEMPLAR OFFICES FUND.

The following responses have been already made to a private circular sent to Lodge Deputies and others for contributions to a special Fund of £200 to meet the expenses of necessary alterations in and fittings up of the new offices just acquired for the Grand Lodge.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowledged ...	31	3	3
A. E. Eccles, P.G.W.T., Chorley ...	10	0	0
Mrs. L. A. Walshaw, G.S.J.T., Halifax	0	5	0
Per G. Slade, Wells	0	10	0
Per H. Ainsworth, Folkestone	0	10	0
R. Redfern, Stockport	0	7	6
Per E. Buswell, Wells	0	6	6
J. Walshaw, Halifax	0	5	0
F. Bolton, Shipley...	0	5	0
J. Rogers, Woking...	0	5	0
J. Hampshire, Rotherham	0	5	0
C. J. Lee, Gorleston	0	5	0
W. T. Heap, Rochdale	0	5	0
J. Price, Doncaster	0	5	0
Rev. E. Franks, Wigan	0	5	0
J. Peer, Loughborough	0	5	0
Per T. Woods, Sunbury-on-Thames ...	0	5	0
Per G. Chives, Chichester...	0	5	0
Per J. Monkhouse, London	0	5	0
Per Frank A. Bunting, Charlbury ...	0	5	0
Per J. Hull, Twickenham	0	2	6
Per W. Whitsey, Woolwich	0	2	0
Per H. T. Cooke, Bridgwater	0	2	0
	£46	13	9

JOHN B. COLLINGS, G.W.Sec.,
G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Births, Marriages, and deaths are announced at the following rates:—Twenty words, 6d.; every six words additional, 3d. Two initials count as one word, whether prefixed or affixed to the name.

MARRIAGES.

HARTLEY—LEDGER.—On 26th ult., at St. John's Church, Middleborough, Bro. James Hartley, P.W.O.T., to Sister Annie Ledger, P.W.V.T., both of the Cyrus Lodge.

WELCH—MCGIBBON.—On April 22nd, 1886, at the Scots Presbyterian Church, Queen-street, Cork, by the Rev. Matthew Kerr, Bro. Robert Welch to Agnes, second surviving daughter of Bro. John McGibbon, Frankfield-road, Cork.

DEATH.

FAIRCLOUGH.—April 10th, at London, Bro. George Adolphus Fairclough, of the City of London Lodge, aged 38 years, deeply regretted by a sorrowing wife and a large circle of friends, by whom he was much beloved. His end was peace.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, NEWPORT, MON., EASTER, 1886.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Your Committee have to report that there are now in the Orphanage 54 children, representing 14 English counties. The number includes one boy received recently from Antwerp, after having been for some time a member of the Juvenile Temple meeting in that city. Fourteen children have been removed from the institution during the year, and 12 others—nine boys and three girls—have been admitted. The health of the children has been good and their progress in scholarship satisfactory, as indicated by the report of H.M. Inspector, following his annual examination. The school has again received a grant from the Government Education Department.

The income of the year apart from the building fund has been £988 5s., of which the collections from English Lodges and Juvenile Temples amount to £623 18s. 1½d., a falling off from the previous year, when the receipts from the same sources were £675 5s. 6½d. The total receipts for the general fund are £65 below those shewn in last report. This decrease may be partially accounted for by an alteration in the method of book-keeping, in consequence of which various amounts which would, under the former arrangement, have appeared in this year's receipts will now be included in next year's accounts. All expenditure is now charged to the general fund, including interest on mortgage and bank charges amounting to £143 10s. 4d. hitherto placed to the building fund. This arrangement will indicate clearly the financial condition of the institution, and its result is to swell the expenditure of the year, as shewn in the general account; but the debt upon the building is reduced to the full amount of sums specially given to the building fund, to which no outlay will in future be charged. The expenditure of the year is shewn to be £1,269 1s. 2d., being £280 in excess of the receipts; but the debt upon the building is now £3,329 11s. 7d., as compared with £3,482 2s. 3d. shewn in last report. Towards the building fund £152 10s. 8d. has been received during the year, of which £132 0s. 8d. was the proceeds of the bazaar held at the Orphanage during the summer, and £10 voted by the Crystal Palace Fête (1884) Committee, supplementing the sum of £50 voted by that body the previous year. The total receipts have been £1,140 15s. 8d., and the expenditure £1,269 1s. 2d.

In addition to the bazaar held at the Orphanage, another was organised by True Unity of Tonbridge Lodge, 842, which resulted in £35 6s. being added to our funds. The members of the Order in West Gloucester District have also remitted £25 5s. as the result of their efforts in the same direction. The institution would receive material aid if our members in other parts would do their best to obtain funds in similar manner.

We feel the necessity of earnestly appealing to the members of this Grand Lodge, and the members of the Order throughout the country to support the institution by their gifts and collections. Many candidates are awaiting admission, whom the Board would gladly receive at once did the funds at their disposal permit. The regular income of the Orphanage is insufficient to maintain it in its present condition, and must be increased if the Board is to be spared the necessity of reducing the number of children. We trust that increased efforts will be put forth during the coming year to improve the financial position of the institution and strengthen the hands of the Board in the work they have undertaken.

F. W. DIMBLEBY,
MARGARET LUCAS,
JOSEPH MALINS,
SARAH A. ROBSON,
C. STACY-WATSON.

ENDORSED—S. R. ROLFE, HON. SEC.

FOREIGN SAILINGS.

Bro. William McLarty, Sister Sarah McLarty, and Bro. Robert Brydon, of Refuge Lodge, sail for Townsville, Queensland, in the ss. Duke of Westminster from Gravesend on May 19, and would be glad to know of any members going by the same vessel.—Address Wm. McLarty, High Harrington, Cumberland.

BRO. ROSBOTTOM is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[ADVT]

IN THE AIR.

SOME NEW DISCOVERIES ABOUT THE PLEASANT BUT DANGEROUS SPRING-TIME.

THERE is something very pleasant about spring, but there is also something particularly dangerous. In order that the frost may be set free, latent heat must be absorbed, and this, taken from the atmosphere, leaves a chill far more trying to the health than the cold of autumn or winter. Not only this, but the heat of the sun dries up the putrefying vegetation that the winter has accumulated, and fills the air with malaria. Spring fevers are very common and they are a very dangerous affliction. They arise from the enervated condition of the body; from the malarial influences of the atmosphere, and from the general change of the season. They shew themselves in innumerable forms, but their source can be traced to some one of the above causes. The indications of their approach are a thirst for acids; yellow complexion; a weak circulation of the blood; unnatural condition of the skin; mysterious aching of the bones; a feeling of emptiness in the head; emaciation, with woe begone expression of the face; palpitation and irregularity of the heart; deficient or unnatural appetite, flatulence and constipation; cold surface with a high temperature of the body; chills and fever; chronic bronchitis, spasmodic asthma and catarrh of the throat; a sensation of numbness on one side of the body, with a pressure on the opposite side of the head; a constant sense of weariness, with fluttering of the stomach, sinking sensations and dizziness. Any of these physical conditions must be treated promptly and thoroughly. The vitality must be restored, the system strengthened, for if they do not at once produce serious diseases they are likely to lay the foundation of constitutional disorders.

Dr. Young, in his work on "Malaria and its Effects," says: "When the poison of malaria exists in the human body in a hidden form, it will excite and complicate any disease to which the body may be disposed. It becomes a great danger when complicated with local affections of the lungs, heart, liver, or kidneys." The liver should pass out two and a half pounds of bile daily. The kidneys should also relieve the system of a proportionate amount of poison.

There is scarcely a town in the world where malaria is not a leading cause of disease. In hot, moist climates it produces yellow fever; in temperate zones typhoid and intermittent fevers. It paralyses the liver and kidneys. These organs become filled with blood, producing enlarged liver, and chronic albuminuria, or Bright's disease of kidneys, by interrupting the circulation of the blood. If the blood does not properly circulate, then it is not cleansed, and impure blood means decay and death. It has for years been a study with the most discerning physicians and scientists how best to counteract these destructive tendencies, or check them when they have once begun; but it has been found to be a most difficult task. Medicines which, under other circumstances, have seemed to operate finely, become utterly inefficient when applied to these serious disorders. A few years since, however, a remedy was found to be specially adapted to these troubles, and it has since acquired a world-wide reputation as an antidote for the miasmatic poisons. This remedy is Warner's Safe Cure. It is not an experimental compound, but its merits have been proved by the severest of tests. Its unusual value is shewn by its enormous sale, and by the many dangerous and useless imitations which have been made of it. As a complete blood purifier, and as a tonic, stimulant, it is really marvellous in its powers, and anyone who is conscious of any of the symptoms above enumerated cannot safely be without it.

What malaria really is has been a vexed question. Many theories have been advanced, one of which is that it is caused by the emanations of a certain species of plant called Penicillæ. To these have been applied the term of "earth miasm" and "ague plants," and as these plants are invariably found in malarious districts, there would seem to be some foundation for this assertion. We know certainly that cryptogamic productions eliminated by the kidneys have caused malarial as well as intermittent fevers, and also these ague plants are found in the urine of the afflicted persons. It is thus clearly proved that the kidneys are all important factors in malaria. The period of incubation is indefinite often only a few days or weeks being required, but the disease may not assert itself for several months, and even years may elapse before the morbid effects are manifested. The above theory as to its cause is endorsed by Dr. Anderson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the leading authority on malarial diseases in the United States, and who also says:—"I have used Warner's Safe Cure in the most obstinate cases of malaria, and have found that it worked admirably; indeed, I have tried it too often not to be convinced of its efficacy."

All the foregoing truths shew the importance of watching the health at this particular season of the year. To avoid the possibility of any fever; to thoroughly purify the blood and to put the system in a condition to perform the duties and enjoy the pleasures of life, is a great privilege. That this can be done by using Warner's Safe Cure, which is sold by all chemists and druggists, or can be had of the manufacturers at 47, Farringdon-street, London, E.C., the experience of thousands have proved beyond a doubt, and it is being daily verified by thousands more.

When disease is fastened upon the body; when pain becomes the only prospect in life; when hope departs and despair begins, anything that can furnish relief is gladly welcomed. But how much better it would be to counteract these evil tendencies before they have become strong—how much easier to prevent them altogether by the proper use of a remedy which has proved its worth by its unfailing powers. Anyone who pauses and reflects will, we believe, see the truth of these conclusions and be governed thereby.

THE

NATIONAL DISEASE

OF THIS COUNTRY

IS

INDIGESTION.

Modern Cooking and Modern Living have brought it on. It comes upon us unawares. The patients have pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. They feel dull and sleepy; the mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning. A sort of sticky slime collects about the teeth. The appetite is poor. There is a feeling like a heavy load on the stomach; sometimes a faint all-gone sensation at the pit of the stomach which food does not satisfy. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and feel clammy. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but after a few months it is attended with a greenish-coloured expectoration. The patient feels tired all the while, and sleep does not seem to afford any rest. After a time he becomes nervous, irritable, and gloomy, and has evil forebodings. There is a Giddiness, a sort of whirling sensation in the head when rising up suddenly. The bowels become costive; the skin is dry and hot at times; the blood becomes thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes become tinged with yellow; the kidney secretions become scanty and highly coloured, depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a spitting up of the food, sometimes with a sour taste, and sometimes with a sweetish taste; this is frequently attended with palpitation of the heart and asthmatic symptoms; the vision becomes impaired, with spots before the eyes; there is a feeling of great prostration and weakness. All these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-half of our population has this disease in some of its varied forms. Seigel's Syrup changes the ferments of the Digestive organs so as to convert the food we eat into a form that will give nourishment to the feeble body, and good health is the consequence. The effect of this remedy is simply marvellous. Millions upon millions of bottles have been sold in this country, and the testimonials in favour of its curative powers are overwhelming. Hundreds of so-called diseases under various names are the result of Indigestion, and when this one trouble is removed the other diseases vanish, for they are but symptoms of the real malady.

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VISITORS' GUIDE.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury.—Norwood Schools, Southall. 7.30.
Benjamin Franklin.—Percy Hall, 3, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road.
Gratitude.—1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger.—Bible Purchase, High-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Grange Branch—Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop.—St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina.—British Schools, South Tottenham-road, N.W.
Shamrock.—Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.16.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon.—176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert.—Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood.—32, Besson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCrea.—3, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road. 8.30
Jabez Burns.—Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware-rd. N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.
New Cross Excelsior.—Working Men's Co. Ta., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior.—Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
William Tewsley.—Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth

WEDNESDAY.

Citizen.—Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey.—Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream.—St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd.—Ebenezer Pl. School-room, North End-road.
Harringay.—Pizzey's Coffee Room, 7, Church End Hill.
Joseph Payne.—Christ Church Sch. Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Currey.—Sydney Hall, Leader-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior.—Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential.—The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (nr Kennington Gate).
The Mint.—Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace.—Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London.—Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel. Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield.—Paradise-road School, Clapham-rd d.
Gresham.—Coffee Tavern, Loughborough Park, Brixton.
Heart's Content.—68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
James McCurrey.—Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch.—Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston.—42, Harefield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park.—Prim. Meth. School, Gravsbott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street.—Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton.—Methodist Free Church, Mallo Road.
Trinity.—Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
West London Pioneer.—Royal Standard Coffee Tavern, Beer-street, Edgware-road.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy.—Camden Hall, Kings-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen.—Mail Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Gravesend.—Testival Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford.
Peckham.—Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton.—Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London.—Bible Christian School-room, Watson-road, Thomas Carlyle.—Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone.—Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thornelee.—22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson.—Temp Hall, Northfleet, Kensington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell.—Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st. Islington Mile End.—German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park.—Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vals.—Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat' Brides. 7.30
BEDFORD.—Sir W. Harpur.—Trinity School-room, Rouse-street,
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star.—Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex.—Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park.—Buckingham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle.—High-street Town Mission Room.
LEGIS.—British Rose.—Templars' Miss. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.).
RADCLIFFE-Radcliffe Co. Hall, Green-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richboro' Castle.—Temperance Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff.—Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam.—Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham.—Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge.—G.T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford.—Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
FOLKESTONE.—Cæsar's Camp.—Cong. Schools, Tontine-street.
FOOTS ORAY.—Busy Bees.—National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope.—Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy.—Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon.—Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HULL.—Paragon.—G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. Juv. Temp. 6.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior.—Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge.—Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
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MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan.—Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Love.—Borough Arms.—Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.).—Ryde.—Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron.—Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
WOODFORD.—Alexander.—Wilfrid Lawson Temperance Hotel.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own.—Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon.—Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook.—National School-room.
GODALMING—Friends.—Congregational School-room
HULL.—Always Active.—Lower Union-street Club-room.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum.—British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards.—Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer.—Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton.—Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson.—Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-Street.—Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont.—Bailey Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
CHATESEND.—Star.—Public Hall.
GT YARMOUTH.—Bethel.—Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
HULL.—Union.—Templars' Hall, Posterngate. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull.—G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEWES.—Nil Desperandum.—Winton-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel.—Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City.—Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PETERMEFER.—Templars' Alliance.—Sch. rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Song Harbour.—Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Penolgton Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Spalding Hall.—Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.

FRIDAY

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope.—Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard.—Lewes Rd., Congl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star.—Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall.—Congregational School. 7.30.
FOLKESTONE.—Safeguard of Folkestone.—Congregational School.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford.—Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort Club Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome.—Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge.—Ban. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford.—Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew.—Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth.—Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
WHITCHURCH.—Lichen Valley.—St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
YONG.—Harbour of Friendship.—London School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow.—Temp. Hall, Greesgate.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue.—Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Goodlie et Laburn.—5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love.—Hope Chapel School-room, Ebrington-street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock.—G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's.—Thomas Court.—Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross.—77, Calle de las Piedras.—Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer.—Catte Guarani, No. 19.—Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton.—Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Elizabeth-street), Carlton.—Monday.

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PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison.—Cairo Restaurant.—Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace.—Tues. 7
SHOEBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, High-street.—Monday.
MALTA.—Shrapnire Guiding Star.—Tus Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13.—Infant School.—Mon. 7.
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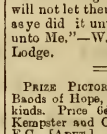

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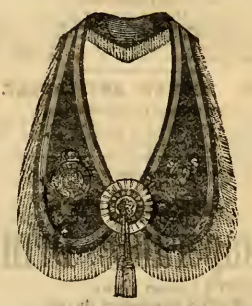

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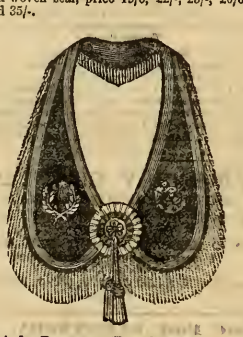

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GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD AT

NEWPORT, MON., EASTER WEEK, 1886.

The seventeenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of England, I.O.G.T., opened in due form on Monday afternoon, April 26, the G.W.C.T., Bro. Malins, presiding. The roll of officers was called, when the following answered :—

G.W.C.T.	Joseph Malins,	Warwick.
G.S.J.T.	Lydia A. Walshaw,	Yorks. N.W.
G.E.S.	John Kempster,	Essex.
G.W.V.T.	Sarah H. Robson,	Cheshire, W.
G.W. Sec. (Hon.)	John B. Collings,	Lanc. S.W.
G.W.T.	Edward Wood,	Surrey E. & M.
G.W.Chap.	Rev. Jos. Aston,	Salop
G.W.M.	J. Derrington,	Worcester.
P.G.W.C.T.	John Edwards,	Lanc. S.E.
G. Guard	Henry Wilson,	Yorks, Cleveland.
G. Sentinel	E. A. Gower,	Suffolk.
A.G.Sec.	John E. Poulter,	Warwick.
G.D.M.	Eliza S. Clarke,	Somerset, E.

In the temporary absence of Bro. Geo. Dodds, Bro. D Y. Scott was appointed G.W. Counsellor; and Bro. J. W. Hopkins, Gloucester, E. was appointed G. Messr. in the absence of Bro. J. B. Childs.

The Credential Committee, comprising Bro. R. Mansergh, P.G.W.C., Lancashire, W., Chairman; J. B. Collings, G.W.S., Lancashire, S.E.; J. E. Poulter, A.G.S., Warwick; J. R. Woods, Durham, S.; E. E. Jones, Somerset, E., presented its first report as follows :—

The Grand Lodge Degree has been conferred during the year on

557	at	the Crystal Palace.
49	,,	Chatham.
137	,,	Birmingham.
10	,,	Antwerp.
134	,,	Bradford.
227	,,	Newcastle-on-Tyne.
17	,,	Cairo.
3	,,	Aden.
17	,,	Valparaiso.
63	,,	Great Grimsby.
89	,,	Portsmouth.
145	,,	Northampton.
14 on English brothers by the G.L. of Nova Scotia.		
1,462 Total		

At this Session :—

	Men.	New Members.	Total.
Reps.	84	1	85
Past Reps.	33	—	33
Non-voting Members ...	59	—	59
Non-voting New Members ...	—	72	72
Visitors from other jurisdictions	9	—	9
	185	73	258

After the Degree had been conferred, the following deputations were introduced, and presented addresses of welcome and congratulations to the Grand Lodge :—

Newport Band of Hope Union.—Messrs. E. Grove (President), L. B. Moore, Heybyrns, A. A. Stephens, C. Barfoot, E. J. Smith, Hancock, and Ayliffe.

Independent Order of Rechabites—South Monmouth District.—Messrs. W. H. Brown, D.C.R., J. Lethby, D.S., F. W. Brett, and Higgins.

Independent Order of Rechabites, Star of the Usk Tent.—Messrs. W. L. Moore, Parker, Mordey, G. H. Dunn, Barber, and W. A. Lane.

Newport Auxiliary U.K.A.—Messrs. Heybyrne, Winter, Edwards, L. B. Moore, W. L. Moore, E. J. Smith, and E. H. Carbutt, M.P.

Newport Total Abstinence Society.—Mr. A. A. Stephens, Rev. C. H. Poppleton, Messrs. Mordey, Llewellyn, S. Wayland, L. B. Moore, F. Heybyrne, E. J. Smith, E. Grove, S. Harse, and Rev. A. T. Jones.

Bro. Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., responded in a few well-chosen remarks to each deputation, and at the close the entire Grand Lodge rose and gave three hearty cheers.

At the close of the opening sitting a large number of the members and friends partook of tea in the Tabernacle School-room, after which a large public reception meeting was held in the Royal Albert Hall, under the presidency of E. H. Carbutt, Esq., M.P.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDING.

After the opening ceremony and the Roll-call, the following

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

were introduced—

Bro. W. W. Turnbull,	R.W.G.Sec.	
,, Gilbert Archer,	G.W.C.T. of Scotland.	
,, W. T. Raper,	G.W.C.T. of Wales.	
,, Fergusson,	G.W.V.T. of Wales.	
Sister C. A. Gray (Antwerp),	R.W.G.D.M.	

THE REPORT OF THE G.W.C.T., which has already appeared in our columns, was then discussed. Bro. Brooks (York, S.W.) took exception to the political references to Yorkshire, and Bro. E. Wood, G.W.T., moved to omit the clause making special reference to Middlesex, shewing that it implied censure upon the District authorities, and was calculated to cause division in the District. Bro. Winton, D.C.T., seconded this, and a warm discussion ensued, in which Bros. Rev. J. Deans, Moloney, A. Robinson, S. Insull, W. Sutherland, E. A. Gibson, Kemspter, McNab, and the G.W.C.T., took part. Ultimately this section of the G.W.C.T.'s report was adopted, excepting Section VII., relating to Parliamentary Action and other clauses which were specially referred to in the Digest of Resolutions.

THE REPORT OF THE G.S.J.T. was then considered. The section relating to national prize examinations was discussed at some length. Sister Walshaw, G.S.J.T., stated that, out of 50,000 children, under 200 from 40 Lodges took part. Bro. T. W. Smyth (Durham S.) moved to amend by urging upon G.L. Executive the desirability of assisting by money or votes of prizes to such Districts as might adopt prize examinations. He suggested District competitions, but a national set of questions. Sister Green, P.G.W.V.T., seconded, and Bros. Forder, (Worcester), Bell (E. Cumberland) and others took part in the discussion, and the amendment was adopted.

S.E. LANCASHIRE.—A lively discussion arose upon the question whether the G.S.J.T. was really empowered to refuse to endorse the Commission of a brother or sister recommended as Superintendent. Bros. E. Wood, J. G. Tolton, J. W. Padfield, Kempster, Dimbleby, J. R. Bennett, J. G. Rogers, George Dodds, J. Edwards, and others took part in the debate, and it was ultimately resolved to re-affirm the principle that G.L. officers had the power to refuse to grant a commission, or to withdraw a commission.

A further discussion arose as to the G.S.J.T.'s recommendation that the D.S.J.T. be not installed till his recommendation had been endorsed by the G.S.J.T. Bro. Waine (Nottingham), moved, and Bro. A. Robinson (Northumberland), seconded, that the installation proceed as hitherto, but if not subsequently approved by G.S.J.T., the installation to be void. The motion and amendment were both lost, and the report as a whole was postponed for further consideration in connection with the report of the committee on the Juvenile Department.

THE G.W. SECRETARY'S REPORT was then taken up. Bro. Moloney took exception to the continuance of the trading department. Bro. Walshaw supported its retention, but moved that the item of Home Mission department be included in the general statement of accounts. Bros. Sutherland (Middlesex), S. Alexander (Suffolk), Harrison (W. Cheshire), A. Lees (Berks), and E. Hall discussed the matter, and Bro. J. B. Collings, G.W.S., replied, answering various questions. The suggestions were approved, and the report adopted.

THE G. ELECTORAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT was then considered. Bro. J. B. Collings asked if the proposed National Council meant a separate organisation. Bro. Kempster replied in the negative. Bro. Amery regretted the report did not convey more censure to those E.S.'s who had not done their duty. Bros. W. Mart (Derby), Forster (Cleveland), John Mann (E. and M. Surrey), Cook, W. (Cumberland) Derrington, G.W.M., and J. Walker (Notts), took part in the discussion on the report. Bro. Kempster replied, and the report was adopted. Upon the motion of Bro. Derrington, G.W.M., seconded by Sister Robson, G.W.V.T., the following resolution was heartily adopted :—"That this Grand Lodge heartily congratulate Bro. J. Kempster on his gallant fight as Parliamentary candidate for the Enfield Division of Middlesex, during the recent General Election, and while it deeply regrets his defeat, thanks him for the unequivocal position he maintained as a Temperance worker."

Bro. Kempster was received with hearty cheers and suitably responded.

THE G.L. EXECUTIVE'S REPORT was then discussed. Bro. D. Y. Scott took exception to the clause in the report stating that because the contributions fell so far short of the expenses the Executive had no alternative but to terminate the engagement of the Superintendent. He characterised the conduct of the Executive in somewhat strong terms. Bro. George Dodds, G.W.C., replied, shewing that the Executive had really no alternative, and that they had endeavoured to act in a very considerate spirit, and after the most careful deliberation. Bro. Scott's amendment was negatived by an overwhelming majority. Bros. Winton and Bowen recommended the Home Mission work in its present form to the hearty support of the members. Bro. Collings, G.W.S., made a statement as to the advantageous terms upon which the new offices had been purchased. The report was adopted.

A CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE TEMPLARY was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. Bro. Walshaw presided on behalf of the G.S.J.T., who occupied a seat by his side. Bro. T. W. Smyth (S. Durham) acted as secretary of the Conference. Several of the Grand Lodge officers and a large number of representatives and visitors attended, and several matters of special interest to

the Juvenile work, including questions raised in the Digest for Grand Lodge, were discussed, and decisions arrived at.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

By previous appointment Wednesday morning had been fixed for taking up the resolutions upon the Digest, and this order was now observed.

THE LIFE LONG PLEDGE.—Bro. Hyatt, Mid-Somerset, moved, and Bro. Davey, Naval, seconded, a resolution to provide that the life-long obligation be not administered in the Sub-Lodge Degree. Bro. Hyatt argued that to adminster the life-long pledge to many who were sure to break it was an encouragement to lying. He claimed that nearly all the leading spirits of Good Templary had first taken the ordinary abstinence pledge (which did not specifically bind them for life, and he wanted those who had never had their training to take a preliminary pledge and have a time of probation before taking so solemn an obligation. Bro. Davey urged that some candidates refused to take the pledge for life, and were thus lost to the Order. Bro. Brown, Monmouth, moved No. 2 against any alteration in the life-long pledge. It had accomplished what other pledges had failed in. Though men broke their pledges—as in the case of matrimony—it was no excuse for refusing to take the pledge. Bro. Rev. Church, Warwick, seconded. Bros. Turland, Rev. S. J. Southwood, Beds., G. Clarke, Lanc., S.W., and Dodson, Durham, S., continued the discussion, and Bro. Kempster moved a further amendment, not to alter the G.L. Obligation, but to authorise some plan of providing a probationary period for those whose circumstances or conscientious scruples required it. Sister C. Impey seconded this amendment, and argued that the marriage vow rather proved the necessity for probation, as people did not marry at first sight. She instanced cases in which fighters had been brought to the Lodge. They were really wishing to reform, but when the life-long obligation was put to them they said, "it was too bad to ask a fellow so much as that." It was somewhat explained away that they were only understood to promise that by God's help they would endeavour to keep the pledge for life. Bro. Cooke (N. Cumberland) opposed. He thought it would cause strife in the Lodges. Bro. D. Y. Scott also opposed. He thought Bro. Kempster's proposal was simply burlesquing the thing. Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd replied in support of the first resolution in favour of some more efficient preparation before being admitted to full membership. If more care were taken to impress on candidates the nature of the obligation, more would remain. The pledge needed to be more fully understood. Candidates should realise that they bind themselves not to reveal the password, nor to break the rules, such as that prohibiting character dress, and so violate their obligation. The vote was then taken and it was resolved by a large majority to make no change in the existing method of obligation.

The PROVIDENT FUND was then discussed. Bro. Bartlett moved No. 7, protesting against the formation of any Provident Fund in connection with the Order, as committing the Order to financial responsibilities which it is not justified in undertaking. Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd seconded. In England, he said, their members had every opportunity of joining a benefit society, and there was not the smallest need for a new one. If it failed the Order would be blamed and they would all be committed to it. One attraction of the Order to him and to others was that it was a non-beneficiary society. They joined it for the good they could do and not for what they could get out of it. The Rechabites and the Sons of Temperance were doing no Temperance work, and this Order would tend in that direction if pre-occupied with financial business of this kind. Bro. Miller (Cambs.) said there were no benefit societies at work in many country districts, and it would be a great advantage to have one in connection with a country Lodge where they had not the advantage of the populous towns. Bro. A. Robinson followed, and Bro. J. Davies (W. Cheshire) urged that the benefit system would absorb time and work needed for the good of the Order. Bro. Padfield (Gloucester, W.) opposed, as not likely to gain members for the Order. Bro. Manserghi also opposed. Who was to manage it at headquarters, and who was to transact the business in the Lodges? Did their returns indicate that the work would be well done? Bro. George Dodds replied for the Executive. The report only reported progress. The committee asked for further time to submit the entire scheme to the membership. As to who would manage it, it would not be managed by the Order, though associated with it. The members would make their own rules subject to the Friendly Societies' Acts, and elect their own officers to manage it, and he submitted they could do it as well as other similar societies. It was true that other Temperance benefit societies did little or no Temperance work, and that was a reason why we should keep our own members connected with the Order and combine the two advantages of good Temperance work and provision for sickness and death. The report was then voted upon by sign vote and was adopted by 116 against 85. The yeas and nays were demanded, the result being 109 for the adoption of the report and 70 against. The report was accordingly adopted and the scheme will be further considered and submitted to the membership for fuller examination prior to next annual Session.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

now intervened, and was proceeded with till completed, the discussion of the Digest being resumed at intervals of counting the votes. We will, however, now give the complete report of the elections and afterwards resume the report of the legislative business.

GRAND WORTHY CHIEF TEMPLAR.—For the seventeenth time, Bro. Joseph Malins was re-nominated, and he received the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge. Bro. George Dodds presided, and upon his announcement of Bro. Malins' election, Grand Lodge very heartily cheered the newly-elected G.W.C.T.

GRAND WORTHY COUNSELLOR.—For this office there were four nominations, Bros. W. Winton, Middlesex; John Edwards, Lancashire, S.E.; John Bowen, Kent, W.; D. Y. Scott, Warwick. On the first ballot 181 votes were cast, 91 being required to elect. The votes were 60, 54, 37, 29. It was resolved to strike out the lowest numbers, whereupon Bros. Winton, Edwards, and Scott were again voted upon. In the second ballot 174 voted, 88 being required to elect, the numbers being 70, 62, 42. The lowest being again struck off, Bros. Edwards and Winton were finally voted upon, Bro. Edwards receiving 90 and Bro. Winton 85 votes. Bro. John Edwards, P.G.W.C.T., was declared duly elected amid hearty applause.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF JUVENILE TEMPLARS.—Bros. S. Insull, Middlesex; J. Walshaw, Yorks., N.W.; and J. Wilshaw, Lancashire, S.E., were nominated. The merits of the candidates were spoken to by Bros. D. Gover, E. Wood, and W. Whatmough. Bro. Walshaw received 109 votes on the first ballot, the other votes being 33 and 24, whereupon Bro. J. Walshaw was declared duly elected, and the result was heartily cheered.

GRAND ELECTORAL SUPERINTENDENT.—Bro. John Kempster was the only candidate nominated, and was therefore unanimously re-elected, and the announcement was heartily greeted.

GRAND WORTHY VICE TEMPLAR.—There were two nominations for this office—Sister C. Impey, Somerset, Mid, and Sister Mrs. Eccles, Lancashire, N.E. Sister Impey received 146, and Sister Eccles 29 votes. Sister Impey was declared elected amid hearty cheers.

GRAND WORTHY SECRETARY.—Bro. J. B. Collings was nominated, and there being no other nomination, was unanimously re-elected, and heartily cheered.

GRAND WORTHY TREASURER.—Bros. J. Derrington and J. Bowen were nominated. Bro. Derrington received 122, and Bro. Bowen 53 votes. Bro. Derrington was declared elected, and was heartily cheered.

GRAND WORTHY CHAPLAIN.—For this office there were nine nominations:—Bros. Rev. W. Mainprize, Lincoln; Rev. J. Deans, Yorks (C.); Rev. James McNab, Cumberland (W.); Rev. W. Spurgeon, Worcester; Rev. J. J. Cooper, Northampton (S.); Rev. S. J. Southwood, Beds.; Rev. W. H. Cariss, Warwick; Rev. T. W. P. Taylder, Durham (N.); W. Winton, Middlesex. On the first ballot 177 votes were cast, 88 necessary to elect. It was then ordered to strike off all below 15, and Bros. Winton, Mainprize, Deans, and Cariss were again voted upon; 180 votes were cast, requiring 91 to elect, the numbers being 90, 47, 27, 10. The two lowest were then struck off, and in the final ballot Bro. Winton received 117 and Bro. Mainprize 60 votes. Bro. Winton was declared duly elected, and was heartily greeted.

GRAND WORTHY MARSHAL.—For this office there were 16 nominations:—Bros. W. Mainprize (Lincoln), S. Insull (Middlesex), G. H. Graham (Kent, M.), B. Tree (Sussex), W. Woodall (Yorks, E.), W. Hobkirk (Northumberland), W. H. Brown (Monmouth), W. J. Phillips (Kent, E.), F. W. Dimbleby (Surrey, E. and M.), C. Gibson (Durham, N.), E. A. Gower (Suffolk), J. W. Hopkins (Gloucester, E.), J. Deans (Yorks, C.), G. W. Miller (Cambs.), H. J. Osborn (Gloucester, W.), J. G. Rogers (Hants, S.).—Upon the first ballot 171 votes were cast, requiring 86 to elect. All below 10 were struck off, and Bro. Osborn retired by consent. Bros. Mainprize, Dimbleby, Brown, Deans, and Insull were then balloted upon, when 172 votes were cast, the numbers being Mainprize, 51; Dimbleby, 38; Brown, 36. The two lowest with 24 and 23 were then struck off; and the next ballot gave Mainprize, 64; Brown, 54; Dimbleby, 44. In the final ballot Mainprize received 80, and Brown 78: and Bro. Rev. W. Mainprize was declared duly elected and cheered.

THE DIGEST RESUMED.

TAX ON MEMBERS IN ARREARS.—Bro. Cave, Wilts., moved No. 13, to rescind regulations by which Sub-Lodges are denied password or compelled to pay tax on all members not in turn compelled to pay their dues, and not even liable to suspension until two quarters' dues are in arrear.—Bro. Turner, Essex, seconded, and suggested that no tax be paid on those whose dues have not been paid for the previous quarter. The proposal was tabled.

BIENNIAL LEGISLATION.—Bro. E. A. Davis, Devon, S., proposed No. 14 to limit alterations of constitution to alternate G.L. Sessions, unless by three-fourths vote of representatives. This was lost.

DISTRICT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.—Bro. W. Mart, Derby, proposed No. 15 to obtain D.L. membership without personal attendance. Bro. Cocker (Yorks, S.W.) seconded. Bro. Forder (Worcester) explained that the Degree was conferred outside D.L. in his District by the attendance of D.L. officers. The G.W.C.T. said it was illegal except in special sessions of D.L. The proposal was tabled.

PRESS COMMITTEE.—No. 15a. from G.W.C.T.'s Report, to make provision in D.L. Constitution for appointing a committee to report to the public Press, was adopted.

INITIATION FEE.—No. 16, Devon, E., to allow Sub-Lodges to fix their own initiation fees, was tabled.

FACILITATING THE BALLOT.—No. 17, Cornwall E., was withdrawn.

SUSPENSION FOR ARREARS.—No. 18, Northumberland, to abolish article prohibiting suspension until two quarters are due, and one month's notice given to pay, was tabled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—No. 19, Sussex, to facilitate voting by electing the highest in first ballot, wastabled.

PROBATION FOR RESTORATION.—No. 20, Derby, to reduce probation for members previously restored from three months to one month, and to confer Second or Third Degree one month after restoration, was discussed at some length by Bros. Mart, Davies, Dimbleby, E. A. Davies, and was lost.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.—Nos. 21, Somerset, E., and 21a (G.W.C.T.), to base representation upon February instead of November returns, &c., were both tabled.

CHARACTER DRESS.—Bro. A. Robinson, Northumberland, moved No. 22, to rescind bye-laws prohibiting character dress in connection with the Order. He detailed the methods by which the law is evaded, and that the newspapers reported as though in connection with the Lodge. He believed the bye-law was violated in all parts of the jurisdiction. They should either have the Constitution enforced and capable of enforcement or do away with the restriction.

Bro. JONES, Military, seconded.

Bro. W. H. RICHARDSON, Durham N. moved No. 23, to permit only approved pieces, authorised by G.W.C.T., to be performed in character dress.

Bro. C. GIBSON seconded.

Bro. BROWN, Monmouth, moved No. 24, to permit character dress for Temperance pieces.

Bro. LAMBERT, Middlesex, moved 25, for a special committee to consider and produce suitable pieces, and to rescind bye-law accordingly. Bro. Lambert spoke strongly against allowing character dress in the Order. He said they introduced a brother dressed in a gown in "John Barleycorn." What next? Dress, scenery, and all the accessories of a theatre. He would rather send his daughter to the theatre to see the real thing. He was told that clergymen allowed it in the Church of England. They were masters in their own school-rooms, and could regulate it. It was not so with our Order. Then there was the difficulty about licences; they came in contact with the law and risked untold injury to the Order.

Bro. GOVER asked as to the law, and

Bro. Walshaw replied that if a charge was made for admission a licence was required and penalties might be enforced. He also argued strongly against the practice. It would drift us into a mere entertainment society. We should lose ministers, deacons, and serious-minded persons we could not afford to lose. At present Sunday-schoolrooms were open to us, but this would close them.

Bro. Dodds, G.W.C., opposed character dress in the Order. In time past he had expressed opinions against turning Lodges into "penny gaffs." It was a nice specimen of Gospel Temperance. He would not let his daughter go to such a place. They were too old, but he had grand-daughters and great-granddaughters, and he would have the Lodges fit for them to enter. It was a poor argument that because the law was broken therefore they must legalise wrong. Suppose they carried that to its logical conclusion. Men broke the Commandments; therefore they should repeal the Commandments. If the thing was wrong, they should put it down, and keep it down. The consequences of such performances would be fatal to our Order. A congregational minister told him of a girl who began with amateur acting and was now an actress in a playhouse. Had the Lodge any right to make money out of character acting for the support of Good Templary?

Bro. Winton said the proposal to allow character dress came from Middlesex by a majority vote. He had always fought against it and would continue to do so. He did not ask the Lodge to provide entertainment for his child. It caused disunion at home. If they began with character dress they would go on to scenery, and they would want the property man for the Lodge-room soon. No, their work was to ennoble and to raise. He had worked as a missionary in the slums of London, and he knew the mischief this kind of thing had done, and dare not connect himself with an institution whose tendency it would be to mislead and ruin.

The proposals to allow character dress were then voted upon, and lost by a very large majority.

The G.W.C.T. remarked that he thought the new Executive would take that vote as a clear indication of the mind of Grand Lodge, and that they would not allow Lodges by any mere quibble to evade the law, but would regard it as illegal to get up such entertainments outside for the benefit of the Lodge.

Bro. N. W. Hubbard, Surrey E. and M., spoke of the difficulty, and referred to the Alpine Choir performances as being in character. The G.W.C.T. did not so regard them, and Bro. Eccles defined those wearing character dress as appearing to be what they are not. A clergyman dressed as a clergyman; a Good Templar as such, and so on. It was retorted that English girls dressed as Swiss girls for effect.

The G.W.C.T. said he would give no official ruling at once on a specific case, but he was satisfied in his own mind as to the will and intention of Grand Lodge, and any specific case would have his careful attention with the counsel of the Executive.

Bro. Poulter, Warwick, thought G. L. did not represent the feeling of the membership, but that their feeling was utterly false and delusive. He protested against the irritation and interference. He knew that a Gospel Temperance Society gave dramatic entertainments, and that clergymen, ministers, and evangelical laymen took part in them.

Bro. J. B. Collings said it was no good laying down a law they could not carry out. If they said no money should come to their funds from character dress outside the Order they should go further and prohibit members from taking part.

The G.W.C.T. said he would hold over any decision without prejudice to the right and duty in conjunction with the Executive to form its judgment in such cases, and to give effect to the decision of Grand Lodge.

Presentation of the Challenge Shields.

On reaching reference to this subject in the Executive Report, the Presentation of the Adult Shield was formally made to the Military District, and of the Juvenile Shield to the Monmouth District. The Representatives having been called up,

The G.W.C.T. remarked that it was his duty to make over to them the prizes they had won by their exertions. The Monmouth District had gained a great increase in the Adult as well as the Juvenile sections of the Order, and had now won the Juvenile Shield for the second time. They had now the privilege of receiving the reward of their own merit on their own ground. He had great pleasure in presenting it as an emblem of the Grand Lodge visit and in testimony of their successful exertions.

Addressing the Military Representatives, he said he had now to perform the more thorough-giving duty of making over to them as the absolute property of the Military District the Shield they had won three times under the conditions laid down by the rules. The Military District had been subject to removals and changes, and had won the shield by sheer hard work and industry. The reward was richly deserved. He was glad to learn that their highest officers were proud of their temporary victory: they would be still more proud now that they were the permanent owners of this important trophy.

Bros. Brown, D.C.T., and Davis, D.S.J.T., received the Juvenile Trophy on behalf of their District. Bro. Brown remarked that its receipt gave him great pleasure. He told the Grand Lodge last year they intended to keep it. As a District, they were all specially interested in Juvenile work, and they worked well together. Bro. Davis also acknowledged the award. He said they had prayed for it. They must forgive the Welsh for long prayers; their prayers had lasted two years, and they should still go on praying and secure the shield. (Applause.)

Bros. O. G. L. Jones and E. R. Smith received the Adult Shield. Bro. Jones said they did so with deep veneration as a tribute to hard work. The shield had the honour of a public reception last year at Colchester. General Mute had paid an eloquent tribute to their hard work as Good Templars. He (Bro. Jones) had attended every meeting of his Lodge during the year except the one held that night, and had, single-handed, conducted a Juvenile Temple. He was very thankful for the generous gift of this trophy. Bro. Smith remarked that one feature of regret was that there was no shield to offer next year, but they would still work for the good of the Order, and if they were not first next year they would be second.

Ballot Election of V.D.'s.—Reverting to the Digest, Bro. Parkinson, Yorks, Cleveland, now moved No. 33 for recommendation of V.D.'s by ballot vote at the annual session of D.L. This was tabled.

Address by Bro. George Dodds, G.W.C.

As the G.W.C. was obliged to leave Grand Lodge on the following morning, he now asked leave to address a few retiring words to Grand Lodge. He thanked them for the honour they had conferred on him during the last two years by electing him to the proud position he held. He had done his best to serve the Order as an Executive officer. He was not so young as he once was, but he had travelled almost every month to the Executive meetings, generally held in Birmingham, a distance of about 450 miles, passing two nights on the rail. He was conscious that he had done his duty since he joined the Order. He had been Lodge Deputy about 13 years, and he was pleased to wind up his 50 years of labour in their service. His jubilee year of Temperance work was close at hand. He had prayed God to grant him 50 years of useful service. Temperance work was his meat and his drink. The Gospel kept his heart right, and Teetotalism kept him sober, and so he had two strings to his bow. Some one had said the new pledge kept more than the old. Well, those could say most who knew most about it. In 1836 he joined the committee of the Newcastle Temperance Society. There were 12 of them and every one of them had served faithfully and truly. Eleven of them had kept the pledge, and worked for God and man, and now the last left of the 12 was the humble individual before them. (Applause.) He would like to imbue them, especially the young now rising up, with the spirit those early workers were baptised into. They would not win by frivolity, but must prove to the world that they were better as men and as husbands, and in all their relations, and that they worked with a single eye, with God and for God. He would like to live to see the Bill passed that would give them power to put down the evil traffic. They would then have work to do to go into their Districts, and use the votes that Parliament had given. Might the richest blessings of High Heaven rest upon them. He had served the cause religiously and pecuniarily. He had given it half his life. He had gone forth with his bell and his tracts, and had lived to see the fruit of his labours. He had sat down with families whose fathers he had reclaimed, and it made him wish himself young again, that he might take the road once more. Might Heaven lead them into the richest paths. This might be the last time he would meet them. The doctor told him not long since that he was going home; he had been making for home a long time, but if he had health and strength he should hope to come back another year, and they would hear the old man's voice once more. The address was received with deep feeling, and was one of simple eloquence and power. At its close hearty cheers were given, and the Doxology was spontaneously and very heartily sung.

Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., then responded. He said he felt that the words of the "grand old man" called for some words from him in addition to the spontaneous response of the members. Those words had been so eloquent they would all feel that a blessing was remaining with them. Their brother looked back and wished he could renew the struggles and trials of the early days. Bro. Dodds linked this Order—one of the youngest—with the oldest and earliest form of Temperance effort. They would, as a Grand Lodge, wish to be represented at his jubilee, and they would more definitely acknowledge the service Bro. Dodds had rendered. When he, Bro. Malins, looked back upon what they had passed through, he wondered it had not turned the colour of their hair. They had stood true to one another, though they had rent asunder some of the dearest ties of personal relationship. Bro. Dodds had stood by them although he regarded with the friendship of a life-time those who severed from us. We greatly prized his blessing and his fellowship, and hope that both would still be with us.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Preston Club Breakfast.

The seventh annual reunion of members who were present at the Preston session of the Grand Lodge held in 1872—the first great national gathering after the Order assumed national proportions—which was held in the Liberal Association Room, Hill-street, on Thursday morning. The "Preston Club" was formed at the Birmingham session in 1880, to perpetuate the friendships formed at Preston, to keep in view old former members of the Order, and to bring the influences of the early days of Templary to bear on its current needs. After breakfast on Thursday morning, Bro. J. Malins, G.W.C.T., took the chair. Letters were read from the following absent members:—Bro. Revs. J. Mackenzie, J. J. Woods, Rev. W. Mottram, Rev. E. Franks, R. P. J. Simpson, J. Wakefield, Liverpool, who, from ill-health, had left the Order, T. Leeming, Lettle, who had also retired, Sister E. Pull, Bros. T. W. Richardson, Isaac Smith, R. B. Whitehead, T. B. Clark, Joseph Thomas, R. W. Duxbury, George Calvert, Clement Malins, Sister Eliza Malins, Robert Bragge, T. Wilmshurst, G. Hastings, R. Sands, Rev. J. Fletcher.

Bro. J. J. Woods referred to the club as "the Old Guard of the Order," and expressed the hope that the members would feel that they must endeavour to raise the Order to the enthusiasm it possessed at the time of the Preston session. The Prestonians had enough power and influence to revive the Order. Would they do it? Bro. Malins said there was good news from four members of the club who had gone abroad—Rev. H. W. Parsons (late of Brighton, now of America), Miss Field (Birmingham, in New Zealand), Bro. George White (residing now in Tasmania), and Rev. Peter Aston (Queensland). All were prospering. Bro. Malins remarked on the fact that the Order had extended to new localities, notwithstanding the distractions of the late election. Speeches of about a minute each were then made by the members present. The general tendency was to press on all efforts to revive the work in full faith in the principles and mission of the Order. Among those who took part were Bros. J. Kempster, G.E.S., R. Mansergh, P.G.W.C., D. Y. Scott, P.G.W.C., J. B. Collings, G.W.S., W. Woodall, P.D.C.T., W. Dodgson, P.D.C.T., J. Mann, H. J. Osborn, P.D.C., and James Rae, P.G.M., J. Rewcastle Woods, E. A. Davies, C. Pinhorn, J. W. Williams, W. Smith, and Sisters Mrs. Mansergh, Eccles, Woodall, and Mann.

On the re-assembling of Grand Lodge, and after the opening ceremonies, Bro. Rev. J. Deans, chairman, introduced the report of the

Special Committee on the subject of the D.S.J.T.'s Commission in S.E. Lancashire.—As personal matters are involved we do not propose to report details, except to state that no reflection whatever was made upon the official from whom the Commission was withheld, and that the committee upheld the right of the G.S.J.T. to refuse

to sign the Commission. After considerable discussion the report was adopted, and a strong feeling was expressed that it was desirable that a Grand Lodge officer should visit the District to endeavour to remove such feeling as existed and to restore harmony.

OFFER OF ANOTHER CHALLENGE SHIELD.

A letter from Bro. R. P. J. Simpson, Past P.G.W.C.T., was read, stating that he had no desire to monopolise the honour, but if no other brother felt called upon to do so, and the Grand Lodge approved, he should be happy to offer another shield for competition upon such terms as Grand Lodge might approve. The letter was received with applause, and the kind offer was accepted, the conditions, &c., being referred to the Executive.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.—Bro. DIMBLEBY, E. and M. Surrey, then moved No. 34 on the Digest—to base the increase of adult membership in any "Shield" competition upon the addition of members, irrespective of Clearance, Associate, and Ancient Templar Cards, and of Lodges transferred to or from a District.

Bro. HARRISON, W. Cheshire, moved an amendment, to put the contest on a basis of a three years' net increase.

Bro. POULTER, Warwick, moved as an addition to the original motion that the increase be calculated upon not less than 250 members.

Bro. Rev. H. J. BOYD moved to dispense with challenge shields, and urged that they needed a holy enthusiasm to work for humanity and not for prizes.

Bro. WINTON seconded, and said they were being reduced to little children, and such work was unsolid and unstable. It led to mere excitement and cultivated the lowest motives.

Bro. BALDRY, (Naval), thought the remarks on this subject had not been characterised by charity. Whilst they had the trophy in the shield they saw greater trophies in the lives of the soldiers, many of whom had reason to be thankful for the stimulus thus given. As to its being childish, they needed to be more childlike, and it would be better for hem if they were.

Bro. KIRKUS, (Lanc. S.E.), believed in work and faith, and contended that a testimonial acted as a healthy stimulus.

Bro. POULTER'S proposal was adopted, as was the whole of Resolution 34, except as to Ancient Templar Cards, which was withdrawn.

THE COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE WORK

then introduced their Report, and its discussion with the various items on the Digest relating to Juvenile work occupied the remainder of the morning and a portion of the afternoon sitting, with the following result :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE TEMPLARY.

The Committee on Juvenile Templary consisted of Sister Walshaw, G.S.J.T.; Bro. T. W. Smyth, D.S.J.T., Durham, South ; Bro. D. Gover, D.S.J.T., Middlesex ; Bro. J. Wilshaw, D.S.J.T., Stafford, N. ; Sister H. M. Carter, D.S.J.T., Sussex.

Their report dealt with the notices of motion relating to the Juvenile Order. The following action was taken thereon :—

CHARACTER DRESS.—The bye-law applicable to the Sub-Lodges was made to include the Juvenile Temples.

CHALLENGE SHIELD.—The regulation adopted in the case of the adult Challenge Shield as to the membership to be included in making the award, &c., was also made to apply to the Juveniles.

AGE OF ADMISSION.—No change was made in this.

PASSWORDS.—The monthly password was re-adopted.

D. COUNCIL.—The motion to have the Return forms sent to the D. C. Secretary and then sent to the D.S.J.T. was not adopted.

AGE OF SUPT.—The *minimum* age was altered to 18 instead of 21.

JUVENILE LODGES.—This resolution was lost.

AFFILIATION.—It was decided that one month's notice and intimation to the G.S.J.T. and D.S.J.T., together with a majority vote, should be necessary to sever connection with either Lodge or Temple.

ADMISSION CEREMONY FOR JUVENILE TEMPLES FOR SUB-LODGE RECITALS.—The recommendation to ask R.W.G.L. to prepare this was adopted.

MR. CONYBEARE'S BILL.—A resolution to support this was passed.

THE DIGEST RESUMED.

THE TAX.—No. 47, proposing to reduce G.L. tax from 1½d. to 1d. (Durham, W.), was tabled. No. 48 (Cheshire, W.), to reduce associates' fees by one-half, was dropped. No. 49 (Devon S. and Cheshire, W.), to abolish tax on associate members, was tabled, as was also the subject. No. 51 (Cambs.), to exempt Sub-Lodges from payment of tax on members initiated during last month of quarter, was tabled. No. 52 (Cumberland, W.), to reduce tax on sisters to one-half present rate, was dropped.

DEGREES.—No. 53 (Northumberland), to abolish Degree qualification for office in Sub-Lodge, was lost. No. 54 (Yorks, Cleveland, and Stafford, N.), to allow Sub-Lodges to confer Third Degree, as formerly, was tabled. No. 55, as to Degree Temples, was held over for report on Reform of the Order. No 56 (Lanc., N.), to dispense with Degree qualification for Marshal in Lodges connected with a Degree Temple, the custody of rituals to be given to L.D., was discussed and No. 57 (Cumberland, E.), to make it imperative that all D.L. members be members of a Degree Temple where such exists, was tabled, as was No. 58 (Derby), to abolish qualification of D.L. membership for G.L. Degree. No. 59 (Devon, S.), to give greater facilities to Naval and Military to obtain G.L. and R.W.G.L. Degrees, was referred to Executive. Nos. 60 and 61, in reference to R.W.G.L. Degree were postponed to next session. No. 62 (Isle of Wight), to have credentials for G.L. membership endorsed by W.D. Sec., in addition to present signatures, was adopted.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.—No. 65 (Northumberland), to petition R.W.G.L. to empower G.L.'s to grant charters for Provincial Grand Lodges, was tabled.

KISSING GAMES.—(G.W.C.T.'s report.) No. 65A, strictly prohibiting "kissing games at gatherings connected with the Order," was adopted by an overwhelming majority, after an animated discussion.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Upon re-assembling after tea, the G.W.C.T. announced the names of the appointed officers who had been nominated by the G.L. Executive, and invited Bro. W. W. Turnbull, R.W.G.S., and G.W.S. of Scotland, to install the officers. Bro. Turnbull thereupon officiated as R.W.G. Installing Officer, with the assistance of Bro. Potter, R.W.G.G., and G.W.C.T., of the Channel Isles, acting as R.W.G.M., and Sister Gray, R.W.G.D.M. The following is the complete list of officers then installed :—

G.W.C.T.,	Bro. Joseph Malins,	Birmingham (re-elected)
G.W.Co.,	,, John Edwards,	Manchester.
G.S.J.T.,	,, J. Walshaw,	Halifax.
G.E.S.,	,, J. Kempster,	London (re-elected)
G.W.V.T.,	Sister Impey,	Somerset.
G.W.S.,	Bro. J. B. Collings,	Liverpool (re-elected)
G.W.T.,	,, J. Derrington,	Birmingham.
G.W.Ch.,	,, W. Winton,	London.
G.W.M.,	,, Rev. W. Mainprize,	Cleethorpes.

(The above-named form the G.L. Executive Council.)

A.G.S.,	Bro. L. Plymen,	W. Surrey.
G.D.M.,	Sister Pryor,	E. Devon.
G.G.,	Bro. W. Woodall,	E. Yorks.
G.S.,	,, J. J. Thomas,	Lancashire, S.W.
G.M.,	,, W. H. Brown,	Monmouth.
P.G.W.C.T.,	Bro. Rev. Jos. Deans,	C. Yorks.

THE G.W.C.T.'s INSTALLATION ADDRESS.

Upon the completion of the Installation ceremony, the G.W.C.T., being the last installed, proceeded, as is his wont, to address the Lodge. He said he had spent nearly half his life and the whole of his manhood in working for the Order. What a history the Order had been, and how great a good it was now. Could anybody doubt the Order was doing us good? Every Grand Lodge was more or less remarkable for one feature or another. If at any time the spirits of some men of power and ability had departed from us there had been no lack of such during our present session. There did not exist any deliberative body that dealt with questions in the calm and able manner that was displayed in this Grand Lodge. Never in his experience had he witnessed the same directness of speech and readiness to catch points, or such administrative ability, whilst they had also a conspicuous illustration of the harmony that Good Templary gave. He would say only a word or two about himself. They knew, he knew, that through all these years he had plenty of faults ; he was not infallible ; but he had tried to justly administer the affairs of the Order. The past year had been a somewhat broken one. They had not seen him amongst them so much as during previous years. Perhaps they did not know why, but only supposed when he was not with them he was somewhere else. No sooner had Grand Lodge risen last year than he went for two or three weeks to Sweden, prior to the R.W.G.L. Session in Norway, and he was some five weeks away. When he came back he found considerable arrears of work to arrange, and then came the turmoil of the general election. That passed over, and he then had the toil of preparing the Provident Fund Report, and with daily care for some weeks he toiled at it to the early hours of morning. That over, he found himself pitted against the champions of the drink traffic in preparing a paper upon a question that had not been thoroughly handled before. Our Order could not afford to fail in such a work, so he gathered material from all parts of the world, from ancient and modern Temperance history, material enough to fill a big book, and he had to condense it into a little pamphlet. Judging from its reception then and since, he was thankful that the task had proved that it was settled for ever that we certainly owe nothing to the drink traffic, as they do to us. Then there came the labour of removal to our New Grand Lodge Offices. They did not know how much he had to do with that ; if they did some of them would be amused. He was not ashamed that he had been a workman, a handicraftsman. He never saw a painter at work with his brush but his hands itched to take it from him ; so he varied his work by making overtime, and did many yards of oak-graining and decorating their new premises. He had reason to thank God that after years of considerable trial he came amongst them after long hours of excessive toil stronger and fresher than during the past dozen years, and he hoped God would give him strength for the work of the coming year. His colleagues they knew.

Bro. EDWARDS (G.W.C.) was pre-eminent as an organiser. He was not much given to platform work, but was an indefatigable correspondent. He could organise and carry through a mission as it should be done. He would notify every one of his duty 10 times over rather than anything should be neglected. No detail was omitted. They knew him in that respect before they visited his District Lodge last year. (Cheers.)

Bro. WALSHAW (G.S.J.T.) had rendered the G.L. special service. During the past year when they wanted legal advice they found out a good way of getting it : they avoided Bro. Walshaw as a solicitor, but referred the matter to the G.S.J.T.—(cheers)—and they obtained direct from her residence advice equal to the first they could have. Our brother they saw had fair hair, and if he were poetically disposed he should say :

> Our Brother is flaxen,
> His wife is waxen,
> And his child's name is Saxon.

(Laughter and cheers.)

He need not introduce Bro. Kempster (G.E.S.). If ever he had to do that it would be as Bro. Kempster, M.P. He was their Parliamentary representative, known far and wide about as well as himself. At the opening of our offices about a week ago a brother now engaged as an Alliance Superintendent told a story about Bro. Kempster when he (Bro. M.) was rather a stripling, nearly 20 years ago. He said, Bro. Kempster and I were both addressing a little meeting in a little chapel, and young Malins was there, almost a beardless boy, and wanted to read a paper about Good Templary. Bro. Kempster was the speaker of the evening. There was no Lodge then, but my (Malins') speech was about my plans for forming one ; and when I had read a page or two, Kempster wanted to speak, and he wanted to get off his speech early enough to get it reported in the next morning's paper. So he said to Bro. Brambley, "This won't do, you know ; you must stop him." So as Brambley knew Kempster was dying to get his speech reported in time (and no doubt he reported it himself), I had to give in. Then Bro. Kempster blazed away, and his speech, about some licences he was attacking, was reported in the paper next morning. It was in this little chapel in Cregoe-street, in August, 1868, where I read my little paper, and a week or two later I succeeded in starting Columbia Lodge No. 1. We should wonder how Grand Lodge would get on without Bro. Kempster; just as in the House of Commons, we look for Sir Wilfrid Lawson, so we should feel something was missing without the sturdy form and ringing voice of Bro. Kempster. (Cheers.)

I need say scarcely a word about Sister Impey (G.W.V.T.). She is one of those quiet souls who lets us know without saying anything except what she does not want us to know. When I meet her I always feel that I must have had a great grandfather

somewhere who was a Quaker, for I can scarcely speak without saying thee and thou, and the words come to my mind "Thy words do savour of much wisdom, and I will even do as thou hast said."

Bro. Collings is sharp as a needle,and, like Bro. Kempster; for if Bro. Kempster boxed my ears I would sooner go away than risk an apology from him. We have been greatly blessed for years past with a good secretary. Our secretaries have been model men, and we have needed them, for it is no light post. It is an immense relief and help to know that the details will be fully attended to by the holder of that post.

Bro. Derrington (G.W.T.), I have known since I was a lad, as hon. secretary of the Birmingham Alliance Auxiliary, when first I went to its offices for tracts and petitions. He is respected by his townsmen who placed him in the Council. But he prefers to work in the County of Worcester where he resides. He is the life of his Lodge and originated a mission that has resulted in a church which has grown out of a Lodge. He has a warm heart, and kept going a revival like a Primitive Methodist preacher. He is associated with a large business, and in our recent removal and alterations of the new office he has been clerk of the works, and made it easy for us to accomplish the great work of getting installed there. (Cheers.)

It is a source of solid satisfaction to see Bro. Winton (G.W.Ch.) in that post. For years I have had a warm heart to welcome him on ourExecutive, and I am glad to see him there. He is a representative man of real power. I have sent him hundreds of miles in different directions to represent the Order, and he has given valuable service as a voluntary worker. His praises ring where hearts have been stirred by his natural eloquence, If he were not so good he would not be the chief of 6,000 Good Templars. I have every hope that his District will feel the honour conferred on them and him, and fervently hope they will continue by small degrees to advance the interests of the Order in that great county.

Bro. Mainprize (G.W.M.) is that ritualistic-looking young clergyman. He will turn Churchman and become a bishop yet. When I first met him he looked a mere lad, but he was married, and I first heard his fame as having preached a remarkable sermon that was the talk of the District. He is the leader of the largest District in England, that meets only twice a year; then they have a two-days' session, and are accommodated by the inhabitants of the town for two nights. Their afternoon session is devoted to the Good of the Order and it is a unique District Lodge.

There sits Bro. Deans (P.G.W.C.T.). I'll tell you a pretty thing about him. When I first saw him in Manchester I did not think he was a minister. That District offered three prizes for essays. They were sent in sealed with separate envelopes containing the mottoes and the names of the writers. The envelope for the third prize was opened, and the name read out, Joseph Deans; the second, Joseph Deans; the first, Joseph Deans. From Manchester 13 years ago he moved to the Essex District Lodge. When I was introduced there I heard the Vice Templar speak, and I said, "Joseph Deans." He has since moved into one of the hardest Districts, one that was torn over the Negro question, and he has so earnestly co-operated that they have successfully captured one place after another. He is a successful chief, an old worker, and the clearest of thinkers.

Bro. Woodall (G. Guard) is just himself and nobody else. If you go to Hull and ask for the most thorough and rabid teetotaler they will take you to Bro. Woodall. If you ask for the teetotal blacksmith they will take you to him; and a letter addressed, W. Woodall, Esq., will find him. He loves the Order, and has wrought for it. He has been not only a District officer, but has nobly led a Lodge of 300 members, of which he is the proud chief. He taught the Order to Captain Reynolds, who took it to Norway and to Denmark, and my mission has since spread it in Sweden. I am glad to see him where he is, and a good deal is due to his good wife. Good Templary is bred in their children,and some of their family have suffered too for the Temporance cause.

Bro. Thomas (G.Sentinel), is the representative of a remarkable District, the Welsh District in Lancashire, admirably administered. They assemble 700 to tea, and distribute £30, £40, to £50 annually in prizes. They trouble me so little that I scarcely have 10 letters from the District in a year. They are nationally in Wales, but geographically in our Grand Lodge. They are self-reliant Welshmen who help themselves. They have won the Challenge Shield, and we delight to promote their leader.

Bro. Plymen (A.G.Sec.) comes from a District you know nothing about. Of all 1 know none where the discipline is so perfect, or that has such an average of bright intelligence and capacity. It could furnish a dozen D.C.T.'s to order at any time, and he is one of their finest spirits. He is a schoolmaster, and works all round the District. It gives no trouble, and the first hard word has yet to be spoken in West Surrey.

Sister Payor (G.D.M.) is from East Devon, an admirable District, and she is an earnest devoted sister, who has served the Order with real zeal and earnestness.

Bro. Brown (G.Messenger) has had a hard District to work for a good many years. We desire to honour more brethren than we can find places for, and our good brother has narrowly escaped visiting Birmingham as an Executive officer.

I thank you for giving me such colleagues. We have worked on the Executive in peace, scarcely ever coming to any but a unanimous conclusion. I rejoice that it is so. And now I repeat what I said about the character of the present session, its thorough earnestness. Those little realise the capacity of the Order, what its determination will enable it to do, and what it is capable of doing, who imagine that any little disturbance will destroy the Order. God grant we may be worthy to do the work He has given us, and that we may do it with our might.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

London and Sunderland were the two places which invited the Grand Lodge. London was proposed by Bro. Winton, and seconded by Bro. Dimbleby. Sunderland was moved by Bro. Gibson, and seconded by Bro. Wardropper. The speakers did justice to their respective localities, but Sunderland doubtless lost some votes which the eloquence and personal influence of Bro. Rev. J. Mackenzie might have gained had he been present. In the result Sunderland had 80 votes and London 119. London was, therefore, selected.

Resuming the Digest.

Section XV. of the G.W.C.T.'s report was then adopted, as was also section XVI.

Political and Sectarian Topics.—No. 65B, from the G.W.C.T.'s report, was now discussed, involving a ruling that party-political and sectarian topics be not allowed in connection with the Order. Bro. Kempster urged to include words to except Temperance politics, which were really the work of the Order. This was accepted. The discussion was continued by Bros. Wilson, Poulter, Hodges, and Hopkins.

Bro. Malins replied. The regulation,he remarked, was already a well understood usage of the Order. Chase's Digest contained decisions on these lines, and it was the rule in nearly all fraternities, or members would import the bitterness of party strife and rend the Order in pieces. During the past year a Lodge had added Conservatives to its numbers until at one time they would not let Temperance politics into the Lodge. These Conservatives discussed Disestablishment, the Life of Beaconsfield, the Primrose League, Mr. Gladstone—not in his relation to Temperance politics—no, but as a party politician—a splendid topic, but this kind of discussion was interdicted by every fraternity, and could not be permitted in our Order. The resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

Removal of a Lodge.—No. 65C (G.W.C.T.), requiring Lodges to notify all members before the removal of a Lodge, and to require the G.W.C.T.'s endorsement, was amended to require the D.C.T.'s endorsement, and was adopted.

Addresses by Bros. Turnbull and Potter.

The G.W.C.T. now intimated that Bro. Turnbull, R.W.G.S. and G.W.S. of Scotland, was about to leave, and they would like him to say a few words. He might also inform them that this was Bro. Turnbull's birthday, and in their name he would wish him many happy returns of the day. They would also be glad of a few words from Bro. Potter, G.W.C.T. Isle of Man, and R.W.G.G., who had favoured them with his presence and help.

Bro. Collings, G.W.S., moved that the best thanks of the G.L. be accorded to their distinguished visitors. This was heartily adopted.

Bro. Turnbull was received with cheers. It had been his pleasure to attend several of their sessions. He was at Bradford, and all since except Newcastle and Plymouth. One of the best features of our Order was this reunion of friends whom they could only see at Grand Lodges, but whom they heard and read of. Theirs was a high and holy work. They needed to realise that and to keep it steadily in view. They in England had many difficulties which they had already provided for in Scotland. Several years ago they forbad parlour games, though he feared sometimes the law was evaded. He acknowledged their kindness in recognising any little service he could render. It was a pleasure and delight for him to be associated with their G.W.C.T. in the work of the Order. He was glad to tell them the Order was prospering in some parts. He had signed a Charter for a Grand Lodge in Iceland. He had recently met with a merchant from the capital of Iceland—he would not attempt to pronounce its name—who was an M.P. and L.D. of one of the Lodges. This merchant was himself one of the trophies of the Order, and formerly a large and lucrative branch of his business was selling drink. He joined the Order, having of course given up drink-selling, and this alone had considerable influence in extending the Order. There were now 16 or 17 Lodges. He (Bro. T.) was very much interested in their proceedings. Their G.L. was not the House of Commons. He endorsed what had been already said, that the debating in that House was very much below the level of our Grand Lodges. (Cheers.)

Bro. Potter was also received with cheers. It gave him much pleasure to bring them the fraternal greeting of the Channel Islands. He congratulated them upon re-electing their G.W.C.T., and he was much pleased with the earnestness of the speeches and debates. They were characteristic of a noble band of workers, and he should go to his little island home with a fresh inspiration for individual earnest work. Let them put their shoulders to the wheel, one and all. He heartily wished them success in their noble work, and trusted that in the coming year the leakage would be stopped and there would be a fruitful increase. (Cheers.)

Bro. Malins requested Bros. Turnbull and Potter to convey the hearty greetings of the body to their respective Grand Lodges. (Cheers.)

STEAMBOAT EXCURSION.

On Thursday the Grand Lodge resolved to accept the very kind offer of Bro. Councillor Mordey, a Newport shipowner, who placed two steamboats at the disposal of the Grand Lodge, and invited them to take a sail down the River Usk into the Bristol Channel. For this purpose the Grand Lodge rose soon after 12, and the members formed quite a large procession and marched, in regalia, to the docks, where they embarked. The weather was fine, and all seemed in remarkably good spirits. Both steamers were well laden, and it was deemed advisable not to allow all to go, and so to avoid risk. The sail was greatly enjoyed, and, in returning, the procession reformed, and, headed by a "scratch" brass band, which included some of the members of Grand Lodge, marched back again to the Town Hall, which was reached at about a little before 3 o'clock. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Councillor Mordey was adopted with acclamation, and Bro. Mordey suitably responded.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Digest Resumed.

Grand Lodge Guide.—No. 67 (Hunts), instructing G.L. to issue a Guide to the Lodges, &c., was tabled.

Literature for Military and Naval.—No. 68 was referred to the Executive; and 69, suggesting a medal for fidelity in active service, was also left in hands of Executive.

No. 70, as to order of G.L. business was withdrawn, and 71 as to advertising bogus Temperance drinks was tabled. No. 72, as to date of receiving resolutions for G.L. was tabled. Nos. 73 and 73A, as to confirmation of resolutions for G.L. Digest were referred to Executive. No. 74, disallowing canvassing for benefit societies, &c., in the Lodge-room was tabled. No. 75, as to licences at Post-offices, was included in Political report. No. 76, as to custody of ballot-boxes by publicans was referred to Executive. No. 77, inviting G.W.C.T. to every District at G.L. expense, was tabled. No. 78, as to publicity of rituals, was held over for report on reform of the Order.

Political Work of the Order.—Bro. E. A. Davies moved, and Bro. Searle seconded, No. 79 (Devon, S.), recommending that the Political Work of the Order be worked by a Political Council outside, but in conjunction with, the Order. Bro. Kempster protested that this proposal was outside the Order. One of the vital and fundamental principles of the Order was that they were banded together to destroy the liquor traffic. He then read from the "Platform of the Order" to shew that they were pledged to this cause as an Order, and it would be a violation of the Constitu-

tion to resolve not to do inside the Order the work for which they existed, and to which they all stood pledged. The proposal was tabled.

Nos. 80, 81, and 82 were held over, being dealt with in reports. No. 83, as to the freedom of action of subordinate bodies, was withdrawn.

Time of G.L. Session.—No. 80 (Cornwall, W.) proposing to change date of session from Easter to Whitsuntide, was discussed and tabled.

The Report of Mileage Committee was then introduced as follows, and adopted—

The Mileage Committee beg to submit the following report:—

The sum which they have to dispose of amounts to £329 1s. 3d., which includes a balance of £14 17s. 10d. left over from last Grand Lodge.

One hundred and eighty-four Reps. have travelled a total distance of 32,714 miles. Your committee recommend that 2d. per mile be paid on that distance, which absorbs £272 12s. 4d., leaving £56 8s. 11d.

Your committee recommend that 5s. per Rep. be paid out of that sum, which will leave a balance to next Grand Lodge of £10 3s. 11d. That balance, if divided, would only amount to a little over 1s. per Representatives.

(Signed) Wm. Davey.
J. George Tolton.
Wm. McCubery.
Henry Myton.

The Report of the Executive was again taken up. Section 10, as to deceased members and friends, was adopted. Section 11, Finance, was held over. Section 12, Miscellaneous, was adopted as a whole.

Present from the U.K. Alliance.—A letter from the secretary of the U.K. Alliance was now read, conveying a handsome present to the Grand Lodge Library, of a set of volumes of The Alliance News; the series of Meliora, and other volumes. The gift was cordially received, and the Miscellaneous Business Committee ordered to frame a suitable acknowledgment.

Gift from R.W.G.L.—Upon the report of a donation of £250 from the R.W.G.L. towards the Charter Defence Fund, a cordial vote of thanks to that body was unanimously adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

was now taken. A lively discussion arose upon the question raised by the Committee, as to whether the sum of £100 voted to the Committee at Leicester in 1884, with specific instructions as to the method of its disposal, and re-voted at Manchester in 1885 by inclusion in the estimates, was intended by G.L. to be at the disposal of the committee for the work prescribed, or subject to the veto of the G.L. Executive. A motion to table this section of the report was lost. Upon a sign vote the view and action of the committee were supported by 88 votes against 81. The yeas and nays being called, 70 voted for the contention of the committee, and 69 against. The roll was then called, and resulted in 85 votes for the committee and 75 against. The committee thereupon, with consent of Grand Lodge, withdrew that portion of their report, and the report was ultimately adopted as follows:—

G.W.C.T., Officers and Members,—

Your committee has held two meetings during the past year, one in London and the other in Manchester, and has been in communication by correspondence on various matters requiring consideration. We have approved the various circulars, resolutions, and manifestos which have been sent to the Lodges.

Resolution on Digest.—Your committee has considered Resolution No. 75 upon the Digest, proposing that Grand Lodge should oppose the appointment of holders of drink licences as postmasters, or the use of any licensed premises as post-offices; and your committee recommend its adoption.

Preparation of a Bill.—Your committee has considered Section vii. of the Grand Worthy Chief Templar's Report, referring to Parliamentary action, and approves the suggested introduction of a Bill on the lines indicated, and in the name of a number of Societies.

Parliamentary Agent.—Your committee is of opinion that it is not at present expedient to appoint a salaried officer of this Grand Lodge as Parliamentary Agent. What is more needed is to exert increased influence upon members of Parliament through the electors in their respective constituencies, and money would be better expended in organising and stimulating efforts in this direction.

Direct Representation. — Your committee is of opinion that the election to Parliament of of a member of the Grand Lodge Executive would provide an efficient communication between this Order and the Legislature that could be devised, and that any expenditure the membership may be generously disposed to make in this direction would promote the legitimate work of the Order, and that the political views or associations of such a candidate in respect to other questions or parties beyond the cognisance of the Order, should in no way lessen the support or liberality of our members, provided such candidate is heartily devoted to prohibitory principles and legislation, and is prepared to hold them supreme and vital in his political influence and conduct.

RESOLUTIONS.

Elected Licensing Authorities.—Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions: 1.—This Grand Lodge declares its conviction that any legislative proposal in the direction of placing powers of licensing the drink traffic in the hands of the people or their elected representatives would be a disastrous perversion of the true principle of local self-government, and would tend to degrade and corrupt our municipal institutions; and, further, that all decisions respecting the withholding or granting of licences should emanate from a judicial tribunal which, while independent of local election, should be bound to act in accordance with the law; and that it should be made illegal to grant or renew any licences in opposition to the proved wishes of a majority of the inhabitants of any district.

2.—The Direct Local Veto. — This Grand Lodge is more than ever convinced that no measure proposing to deal with the licensing system can afford the community adequate protection from the crime, social evils, trade depression, pauperism, taxation, disease, and deaths everywhere and always associated with the traffic in intoxicating liquors, which does not proved an effectual local veto upon the issue and renewal of licences by the direct votes of the people; and this Grand Lodge would urge all patriotic citizens by every lawful means to oppose the election of legislators who refuse to grant this protective power to the people.

3. That this Grand Lodge re-affirms its conviction that the time has long since arrived when England was entitled to a Sunday Closing Act, at least as complete as those of Scotland and Wales, and that the passing of such an Act would be the best remedy for any difficulty in the administration of the Welsh Act on the English borders, that petitions in favour of total Sunday closing for England be adopted and signed by the Grand Lodge Executive, and that E. H. Carbutt, Esq., M.P., and Lord Aberdare, respectively, be asked to present the same.

4. That in view of the present unsettled condition of political parties, and the possible early approach of a general election, this Grand Lodge urges upon Good Templars and Temperance reformers throughout the country, to exercise such vigilance in their respective constituencies as will insure an increased representation of Temperance electors in the next Parliament, and thus secure early legislation conferring upon localities the power to prohibit the liquor traffic by the direct votes of the people.

5.—Future Effort.—This Grand Lodge hereby instructs the Political Action Committee to send copies of the foregoing Resolutions to every member of the House of Commons, either direct or through the District Officials of the Grand Lodge; and to circulate as widely as possible throughout the country the teaching embodied in the Resolutions.

Submitted in Faith, Hope, and Charity,

J. H. Retallack-Moloney,
William Dodgson,
John Mann,
J. Walwyn Padfield,
J. R. Weatherill,
N. W. Hubbard,
John Kempster, G.E.S.

THE CASE OF DETECTIVE WILLIAMS.

Upon the motion of Bro. Kempster, a memorial to the Home Secretary praying for the clemency of the Crown towards Henry Williams, and his release from penal servitude, was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Executive on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

The Temperance Party.—It was then moved to adopt No. 80 in the Digest (Cheshire, W.): "That the time has now arrived when all Temperancy electors should unite in promoting prohibition without respect to existing political parties," was adopted.

THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES.

Salary of G.W.C.T.—Bro. Bell moved and Bro. Todd seconded a proposal to reduce the salary of the G.W.C.T. to £350. This was suggested not in disparagement of the value of the G.W.C.T.'s services, but in view of the financial condition of the Order, "to cut our garments according to our cloth," and because the estimated expenditure exceeded the income of some £50. Bro. Collings replied shewing that the estimated expenditure was reducible by the amount named, and the motion was tabled.

Testimonials.—It was proposed to discontinue the practice of presenting illuminated and framed addresses to retiring Executive officers. This was lost.

The estimates were then passed and the Executive's report adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Reform of the Order was then introduced by Bro. Poulter, but at this advanced hour of the session it became apparent that Grand Lodge was hardly in a position to deal adequately with it. A motion to table some portion of it was naturally resented. And it was ultimately resolved that the best thanks of Grand Lodge be presented to the committee for their arduous labours and valuable report; that the committee be continued, and that the report be printed and sent to every District Lodge for consideration prior to next Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Orphanage Committee which appeared last week was then received and adopted, and No. 63 on the Digest (M. Somerset) in favour of a system of boarding out children, was referred to the Orphanage Board of Management.

Vaccination at the Orphanage.—Bro. J. H. Hopkins moved No. 64 (Gloucester, E.) regretting that "insurmountable" obstacles exist in the way of admission of unvaccinated children, and calling upon G.L. or Executive to find a remedy.

Bro. Walshaw seconded, and withdrew the word "insurmountable." He explained that in one District the Guardians had been informed that the law would not be enforced by proceeding for penalties. This leniency might be extended to other Districts, and then the Orphanage Board could meet the wishes of anti-vaccinators.

Bro. Kempster rose to order, but was ruled out of order in interrupting the speaker. On rising after Bro. Walshaw, he protested against this debate being permitted. They were not called upon to sit there and suffer a debate upon a question entirely outside the province of that Grand Lodge to discuss. It was a political or sectarian question beyond their right to deal with, and they had already in that session ruled that all such discussions are prohibited in their Lodges. The proposal either urged them to break the law or to repeal it. (Cries of "No.") It must be one or the other, for there was no other way out of the difficulty. Whichever it was it was quite out of order to discuss it in that Grand Lodge. He spoke as an anti-compulsory vaccinator, but, if this were allowable, any other political and sectarian question might be discussed. He moved a declaration that it was out of order, and that G.L. decline to discuss the matter further. Bro. Rev. T. W. P. Taylder seconded the motion, and it was carried by a very large majority. The yeas and nays were called, but upon testing the call only one member rose, and the subject was dismissed.

The Report of the Special Committee on Programmes was adopted. We propose to print this report in our next issue.

The Report of the Committee on Appeals was next submitted by Bro. Harrison, chairman, and, with some alterations, adopted.

"The Real Good of the Order," Section II. of the G.W.C.T.'s report, headed as above, was adopted.

The Report of the Negro Mission Committee was submitted by Sister Impey, G.W.V.T., and adopted. The report will appear next week.

The Report of R.W.G.L. Representatives was also adopted. Its contents have mainly appeared already in our columns in a report of the work of the Session of R.W.G.L.

The Report of the Press Committee was submitted by Bro. H. J. Osborn, chairman, as follows:—

G.L. Session, Newport, Mon., April 30, 1886.

G.W.C.T., Officers and Members

1. Your committee beg to report that summaries of the proceedings of this session have been pre-

pared by members of this G.L., and inserted in the following among other newspapers : *West Cumberland Times, Daily News, Colchester Chronicle, Broad Arrow, Rotherham Advertiser, Newcastle Evening Chronicle, Newcastle Leader, The Times, Indicator, Daily Times* (Birmingham), *Birmingham Daily Post, Birmingham Daily Gazette, Earlestown Guardian, Earlestown and Newton Examiner, Sheffield Independent, Mexboro' and Swinton Times, Standard, Daily Chronicle, Cardiff News, Bristol Press, Bristol Mercury, Manchester Examiner, Manchester Guardian, Darlington Echo, Temperance Record, and* Good Templars' Watchword, *Grand Lodge Times, Isle of Wight Times, Isle of Wight County Press, East Anglian Daily Times, Essex Standard, Essex Telegraph, Western Morning News, Western Daily Mercury, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool Mercury, Liverpool Post, Leeds Mercury, Newcastle Chronicle, Central News.*

2. It may be of interest to state that an aggregate of 50,000 words has been telegraphed from the Press Table during the week, independently of the extended reports which have appeared in the *Bristol Mercury* and some other papers.

3. Your committee have prepared, printed, and distributed the summary agreed to by the adoption of our previous report, and we beg to renew the recommendation contained in the Press Committee's report of previous sessions, that representatives and members be urged to secure the insertion of notices of the proceedings of this G.L. in local newspapers, religious and Temperance journals.

Submitted in F. H. and C.

Henry J. Osborn, Gloucester, W., Chairman.
John Davies, Cheshire, W.
Thomas James Leslie, Yorks., S.W.
E. Aitken Davies, Devon, S.
G. H. Graham, Mid Kent.

The Report of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business

was presented by Bro. Rev. S. J. Southwood, D.C.T., Beds, chairman, as follows, and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report that communications and greetings have been received from two R.W.G.L. officers, one from G.W.C.T. of Ireland, three P.G.L. officers, 13 District Officers and members, 15 District Lodges, Sub-Lodges, and Temples. Suitable replies have been returned in each case.

Seventy-nine Representatives have applied for permission to retire before the close of the session, reasons for the requests have been presented. It has been deemed desirable in each case, to grant the requests asked ; two requests for temporary leave have been received and granted.

The United Kingdom Alliance Executive have kindly offered a donation of volumes of *Alliance News*, "Meleora," and "Annual Reports." The offer has been thankfully accepted and acknowledged accordingly.

A communication has been received from Bro. R. P. J. Simpson, kindly offering another Challenge Shield to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge having by vote referred the matter to the new Executive, a letter of acknowledgement and thanks has been sent.

The following resolutions are recommended :—

1st, That this Grand Lodge desires to tender sincere thanks to the retiring officers for the services rendered by them, and to the Past Grand Worthy Chaplain for his official sermon ; and also to the Standing Committees.

2nd, That this Grand Lodge tenders sincere thanks to the Executive of the "United Kingdom Alliance" for the generous offer of valuable volumes for the Grand Lodge Temperance Library.

3rd, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. R. P. J. Simpson for his generous offer of another Challenge Shield.

4th, That this Grand Lodge tenders sincere thanks to the worshipful the Mayor and the Corporation of Newport for their permission of the use of the Town Hall for the purposes of this session, and that the chairman of the Reception Committee be requested to convey this resolution to the proper quarter.

5th, That this Grand Lodge desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the kindness of the Newport Band of Hope Union in arranging a breakfast in honour of this session, and the chairman of the Reception Committee is requested to convey our thanks to the Union Committee.

6th, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be accorded to the R.W.G.L. officers and visitors from sister Grand Lodges who have been present at this session.

7th, That our thanks be tendered to the Press Committee for the admirable manner in which their duties have been discharged, and also to the proprietors of those papers who have published reports of this session.

8th, That the Mileage Committee be thanked for the attention given to the business placed in their hands.

9th, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the Credential Committee, and especially to its indefatigable secretary, Bro. Mansergh.

10th, That the warmest thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the Reception Committee with special reference to the chairman, Bro. W. H. Brown, G. Mess, and Bro. Jones, and the managers of the lodging arrangements, and that they be asked to convey our grateful acknowledgments to the friends who have afforded kind hospitality to the officers and representatives, and also to the ministers of Newport, who preached Temperance sermons on Sunday, April 25.

11th, That our thanks are due to Bro. Eccles, P.G.W.T., for his generous gifts of tracts and four-fold pledge cards to the Representatives and others attending this session.

Fraternally submitted.

(Signed)
Samuel J. Southwood, Beds (*Chairman*),
Charles Pinhorn, Surrey E. and M.
Andrew Robinson, Northumberland,
W. S Phillips, East Kent,
C. J. Whitehead, Yorks., S. W.

The Roll of Representatives was then called.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The Credential Committee presented five reports in all. It would be useless to publish all of them. We have already inserted the first, and the following is the final report presented by its perennial and invaluable chairman, Bro. R. Mansergh, P.G.W.C. :—

Total atttendances—

Representatives	185
Past Representatives	53
Non-voting members	174
Visitors other jurisdictions...	9
Total	421

Members taking Degree, 111.

Before the closing ceremonies,

The G.W.C.T. tendered the most sincere thanks of Grand Lodge to Bro. Brown, chairman of the Local Reception Committee, and to his colleagues, for the admirable manner in which they had promoted the comfort of Grand Lodge under great difficulties. It was feared that the requirements of G.L. would overtax the resources and powers of so small a District, but they had done admirably, and had disappointed them by one complete success which had attended their efforts, and he would convey to them the sincere and hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Brown and Bro. Jones suitably responded.

The minutes of the concluding sitting were then read, and the closing service was conducted at about 5 p.m., with befitting feelings of thankfulness and solemnity. Thus closed one of the most practical and useful sessions of the English Grand Lodge.

James C. Matthews, the successor of Frederick Douglass, to the office of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, is a coloured man of no mean ability. He is but 38 years old, and has been for some years a successful practitioner of law at his home in Albany, N.Y. He is a natural orator and is regarded by many as the coming leader of his race. Frederick Douglass, the retiring Recorder, is 70 years of age, and is worth some 300,000dol., acquired by lecturing and from the management of his paper, the *North Star*. His home, the old Van Hook mansion, overlooks Washington. This property was formerly owned by a negro hater, who stipulated in his deed of sale that no negro should be accepted as a purchaser of the land. Douglass secured it, however, and lives there with his white wife, a beautiful and accomplished lady.—*Detroit Free Press.*

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Food Adulteration.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homeopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." Cadbury's Cocoa is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[Advt.]

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[Advt.]

GRAND LODGE SESSION, 1887.

A correspondent, who evidently believes in taking time by the forelock, sends us the following information :—An informal meeting of the members of the Middlesex, East and Mid Surrey, West Kent, and Essex District Executive Officers attending the Grand Lodge Session was held on board the Sea Horse, during the river trip on the Wednesday. Bro. W. Winton, D.C.T. Middlesex, presided. It was resolved that in prospect of the Grand Lodge Session of 1887 being held in London, and for the purpose otherwise of arranging periodical meetings of the United Executives, for mutual assistance and encouragement, the Executives should be called together at Trinity-street Primitive Methodist Church, Southwark, at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 15. An interesting discussion followed on the advisability of the inter-change of Executive officers to visit District Lodge Sessions and take part in public meetings, &c. Bro. C. Pinhorn, D.C.T., East and Mid Surrey, was chosen as secretary *pro tem.* As is now known, the Grand Lodge resolved on Thursday night to meet in London next year, and it was then agreed to invite the support of adjoining District Lodges to make the session a success worthy of the world's Metropolis.

WESLEYAN TEMPERANCE.

The Temperance Committee of the Conference, after considering the subject for years, are of opinion that the time has now come to move for the appointment of a Connexional Visiting and Organising Secretary. It would be a great advantage if the May District Committees were to express their judgment upon this important matter, and if they would also consider whether the proposed secret ary should be a layman or a minister, what should be the scope of his duties, and how he should be supported. The vast Temperance work of Methodism can never be effectively done unless we have a secretary who can give his whole time to this work. We have now reached a position from which no further progress can be made unless such an appointment be sanctioned. We hope all the friends of Temperance will bestir themselves and get the District Committees to favour this essential step. The Temperance Committee also intends to suggest to the Conference that the members of the District Temperanee Sub-Committee shall be *ex-officio* members of the District meetings, like the members of the other sub-committees.—*Methodist Times.*

The Curse of America.—Says the *Detroit Free Press* :—The curse of the Indian was fire-water. The curse of the negro to-day is whisky. The curse of our rising young men upon whom the prosperity of the communities depend is the temptation of strong drink. Prohibition in this country has had the effect of giving us more systematic and persistent labour. It has added to the small savings of the farmer. It saved society from disorder and turbulence. It has emptied the gaols and diminished the cost of administering justice. Unquestionably, it has benefited society in every material way.

Writtle (Essex).—A correspondent writes: "Easter Monday was a red letter day in the history of the Writtle Lodge. Some time ago it was decided to repeat the experiment which answered so successfully last year of having a special conference for Easter, and a committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements. The British School-room was very prettily decorated for the occasion with flags, evergreens, flowers, &c. A special session of District Lodge was opened at 2.45 by Bro. H. Johnson, D.E.S., when the Degree of Charity was conferred upon 12 duly qualified members. The conference was opened at 3.30, Bro. H. Johnson presiding. Bro. E. A. Hunt read a paper entitled "Our Lodge Rooms and what we do there." A discussion followed, the following members taking part: Bros. G. A. Webb (Brentwood), F. W. Cardy (Maldon), R. A. Slader (Writtle), J. Spence, W. Lavelle, T. Clift, F. J. Runciman, H. Johnson, F. Whybrow, and F. Buzer (Chelmsford), some valuable hints for improving our sessions being thrown out. The conference was followed at 6 p.m. by a tea to which 94 sat down. A well-attended public meeting was held subsequently, when speeches on behalf of the Order were given by Bro. H. Johnson, G. A. Webb, S. Collins, W. Lavelle, and J. Spence. The whole day was a thorough success from every point of view.

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Sunday, May 9th.

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Monday, May 10th.

7.30 p.m.—FESTIVAL SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (by permission of the Dean). Preacher—Rev. Canon LLOYD, M.A. (Vicar of Newcastle-on-Tyne). The service will be led by the Choir of the Association of Lay Helpers for the Diocese of London.

Tuesday, May 11th.

9.30 a.m.—CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster (by permission of the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar). Short Address by the Rev. Canon DAVENPORT KELLY, M.A. All Members of the Society are invited to be present.

3.0 p.m.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Princes' Hall, Piccadilly. Chairman—The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD. Speakers—E. STAFFORD HOWARD, Esq., M.P.; W. H. HOULDSWORTH, Esq., M.P.; F. LE GROS CLARK, Esq., F.R.S. (Consulting Surgeon, St. Thomas's Hospital, late President Royal College of Surgeons), and the Rev. Prebendary GRIER (Vicar of Rugeley).

Wednesday, May 12th.

2.30 p.m.—WOMEN'S UNION BUSINESS CONFERENCE in Lower Exeter Hall, the Rev. Canon ELLISON in the chair. The LADY ABERDARE will give an Address, and Mrs. G. HOWARD WRIGHT will read a paper on "Inebriate Homes for Women."

7.0 p.m.—GREAT EXETER HALL MEETING OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE SECTION. Chairman—The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM. Speakers—The Rev. Canon LLOYD, C. R. TRITTON, Esq. (Treasurer), the Rev. H. ARMSTRONG HALL, and Mr. JOHN FALKNER. A chor of 500 voices, under the direction of Mr. G. J. CHAPPLE, will sing a selection of music. Admission free; reserved seat tickets, 1s. til May 8th; 1s. 6d. after.

Thursday, May 13th.

7.0 p.m.—WOMEN'S UNION FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING in St. James's Hall, Regent-street. Chairman—The Right Rev. and Right Hon. the LORD BISHOP OF LONDON. Speakers—Mrs. CHOLMLEY, Mrs. ORMISTON CHANT, Miss KATHLEEN TOWNEND.

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2.30 p.m. General Conference in the Lower Hall. J. E. ELLIS, Esq., M.P., will preside. A Paper will be read by Mr. WILLIAM TAYLOR (Master of Method at Battersea Training College). Subject: "The Preparation and Delivery of Band of Hope Addresses," with a Short Specimen Address to a Class of Boys. Addresses by Miss E. J. BREWSTER. Subject: "The Principle we Advocate." Both the Paper and the Address will be followed by Discussion.

6 p.m. Great Evening Meeting in the Large Hall. SAMUEL MORLEY, Esq., will preside, and Addresses will be given by the Rev. J. R. DIGGLE, M.A.; Rev. HUGH PRICE HUGHES, M.A.; Rev. OSSIAN DAVIES; and Rev. J. CLIFFORD, M.A., D.D. A Choir of 500 Voices (Senior Members of Bands of Hope) will sing a selection of Pieces during the Evening.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1886.

THE GOOD TEMPLAR PARLIAMENT.

A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW.

"THE best session ever held." Such was the verdict passed upon the Newport Session of the Grand Lodge, when at the end of last week the representatives turned homewards, after five days' close application—a holiday devoted to hard work, only relieved by a two hours' pleasure run by steamer down to the Bristol Channel.

The present writer, having had personal experience of 15 such yearly gatherings, if unable to assent to the proposition in its fulness, is yet in a position to appreciate some of the grounds on which it is based.

There was a larger attendance (of non-representative members) at most, perhaps at all, the preceding sessions; but that difference is accounted for by the fact that the place of meeting was in the extreme edge of the English

jurisdiction—on the border of Wales, where another Templar authority reigns—far from the great centres of population.

For all that the session was well entitled to be called the "Good Templar Parliament." For it was as widely representatives as any previous one. There were representatives from every English county—besides fraternal delegations from Wales, from Ireland, from Scotland, and from the Channel Islands—and every representative spoke and voted, not as a unit, but in the name of 500 ce-workers at home. The rugged north of Northumberland and Durham joined hands with the sunny south of Sussex Downs and the Isle of Wight; romantic Cornwall and lovely Devon in the west with the Lincolnshire Fens and Norfolk Broads of the east. Teeming Lancashire and shrewd Yorkshire, the great Metropolis, and the grimy Black Country, the cider counties of Somerset and Gloucester and Hereford, and the Kentish hop gardens, the Cumberland hills, the Essex marshes—each and all contribute their queta to make up these hundreds of men and women gathered in the busy export town on the Usk to deliberate upon and legislate for the interests of the Good Templar Order.

Nor is the personnel less diversified than the contributory area. Both sexes, of course, are here, for the Order boasts its equality no less of sex than of race; youth and age, for a leading feature in Templary is its facility for utilising talent regardless of years; clerics and laymen, nearly as great a variety of the one as of the other; Church and Dissent, fast bound in brotherliness; the cultured and the unpolished, the well-born lady and the farmer's daughter, the banker and the rural postman, the merchant and the office clerk, the high church clergyman and the city missionary, the Parliamentary candidate and the cabdriver, the newspaper editor and the working blacksmith, town councillors, poor law guardians, lawyers, public accountants, schoolmasters, postmasters, reporters, shopkeepers, artisans—these and many others possessed of nearly as great a variety of gifts, all devoted to the Temperance cause, and to what they believe to be its best method—Templary. All voluntary workers; yet all united in a remarkable devotion to the one paid man among them, who has for 17 years been their freely chosen head and chief.

Many members have become regular attendants at these yearly meetings; and a chief charm about the gathering is a certainty of meeting old friends, making new ones, and renewing old friendships around which pleasant memories cluster, for it is true in this case that as "iron sharpeneth iron so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend"; while the warm greeting accorded each new member wios his heart, so that the closing hour of one session finds him wishing for the next.

Variety of personnel, of occupation, of manner, of dress; the charm of woman's presence, the gay colouring of the Regalia worn; all tend to give piquancy and novelty to the scene. The deep interest which is not inconsistent with frequent flashes of fun; the deep appreciation of humour that now ripples on the surface and again peals forth in hearty healthful laughter was there, but an almost entire absence of the turbulence, and of cut and dried arrangements sometimes seen at other conferences. The variety of idea, originality of illustration, freshness of argument, readiness of speech, quickness of repartee and of perception—these things strike one, but some of them are to be expected, since nearly all are Temperance speakers in their own locality, and serving to cement the widely varying component parts into one great institution, to its principles of total abstinence and prohibition, and to its chosen leaders, and at the same time to graft a new enthusiasm upon the experience of the past.

That the Order is a democracy has often been said. That the recent session resembled the new House of Commons in being more practical and decisive has also been remarked. A proposal to relax the law of the Order, which forbids "character dress" performances and dancing, was negatived, and "kissing games" were prohibited with a decision which proved to demonstrate the firm conviction held that the Temperance battle "could not be won by frivolity," as an honoured veteran put it, and also marked an intensity of moral feeling only surpassed by the devotional spirit which burst forth into spontaneous singing of the Doxology at the close of a high-toned farewell address by a veteran worker. Firm emphasis was shewn in votes which demanded Sunday closing of public-houses, direct local veto ever drink licences, petitioned Parliament against the sale of drink to children, and declared against handing over licensing to local councils.

The full exercise of free choice caused some peculiarities in the election of officers; yet every election was acceptable to all. The chaplain chair—hitherto held by clerics, now of the Establishment, again of one or other Dissenting body—was this year given to a layman, a London city missionary, while, there being no lack of the cloth, two other posts usually given to laymen were conferred on ministers. That theology did not influence choice is proven by the presence on the Executive Board of Churchman, and Quaker, Baptist and Wesleyan, Swedenbergian and Primitive Methodist. Nor did locality or distance interfere, for city, town, and village alike contribute officers since London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, and Leeds unite with Hull, Halifax, Newport, Cleetherpes, Street, and Broad Clyst in that regard.

The Order does not now number as many adherents as it once did, but that is no proof that teetotalism is receding. The growth of denominational and other societies has drawn many away. But it still holds its way in many towns and villages of the land, carries a great influence, both socially and politically, and in proportion as the Suberdinate Lodges and members pursue their work in the spirit and tone which marked the last Grand Lodge will their efforts meet with their due appreciation and with success.

H. J. O.

Mr. Conybeare's Bill.—We learn that this bill is likely to be considered in committee on Friday night, May 7.

The committee of the Temperance party in the House of Commons held a meeting on Friday, May 7, to consider the steps to be taken for the furtherance of the Temperance legislation before Parliament.

The article on "The Good Templar Parliament" reprinted above was contributed by Bro. H. J. Osborn, of Bristol, to several daily newspapers which had been supplied with daily reports of the proceedings during the session at Newport.

The Church of England Temperance Society announces its anniversary meetings in another column. We would direct special attention to the announcement of this series of most important meetings, to be addressed by speakers of great power and eminence.

The Croydon Congress.—A Temperance Congress was opened at the Skating Rink, Croydon, on May 3, in the presence of a large audience of the various Temperance bodies of Croydon and the neighbourhood. Canon Ellison, in the absence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, gave the inaugural address. The Congress concludes on Saturday, May 8.

The Band of Hope Union anniversary, announced elsewhere, is to consist of a very full day's performances, commencing with breakfast at 8.30, continuing with conference at 2.30, and ending with the great evening public meeting. The celebrity of the speakers and the attractions of the cause will doubtless draw throngs on the occasion.

We would draw attention to an advertisement that Bro. the Rev. Andrew Edward, B.A., is to preach at Craven Chapel, Foubert's-place, Regent-street, W., on Thursday, May 20, at 7.15. Our brother was for many years an active worker in the Order, having joined the St. Pancras Lodge in 1871. His later career is somewhat remarkable. With a desire to give himself to religious work he commenced studying for Holy Orders. To give himself time to attend college he had to resign a good position on the London Press; for over two years he worked as a journeyman printer, studying hard meanwhile, and finally passing high in honours. He is the author of several powerful theological essays. As a journalist he has a wide knowledge of life, and a deep sympathy with human nature and sorrow. We are informed that his oratory is worth a long journey to hear, so we trust that Craven Chapel—perhaps the largest Independent church in West London—will be crowded on the 20th inst., to give our brother a hearty welcome.

NOTES ON THE DOINGS AT NEWPORT.

Easter week is always a "red letter" time with the Good Templars of this country, and the eyes of all are turned towards the spot where the Grand Lodge is meeting in annual session. There may be some people who question the utility of these gatherings, but those taking part in the proceedings, and who daily are made to feel the interest taken in their doings by friends at home, can safely assert that their value is inestimable, and that the spirit infused into the proceedings of Grand Lodge finds an echo in all corners of our land. If the session be a good one, and zeal and enthusiasm are present in the deliberations, the representatives are sure to return to their respective districts, anxious and willing to infuse the same fire into their own and neighbouring Lodges; and so the tired are aroused, the weary are refreshed, and the laggard ones answer to the call for service with renewed energy and quickened interest. To gain such an end every earnest worker should aim, and the annual session, which fails to strike the keynote of revival, falls short of its purpose and mission.

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The seventeenth annual session was decidedly up to the average, in fact, many think it was above the average. Some of the debates were very animated, occasionally the criticisms offered were, unquestionably severe in their character. At times the excitement was intense—notably when a critical division or election was being taken. Members hit out, as it were, straight from the shoulder; yet throughout the proceedings there was a spirit of unity and charity, which clearly demonstrated that whatever difference might exist as to details, upon the fundamental principles of our Order the entire Grand Lodge stood like a rock, firm and immovable. The old battle cry had lost none of its charm, and the position of Good Templary with regard to the liquor traffic is as uncompromising as ever, viz., "War to the knife, and the knife to the hilt."

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The Juvenile Templar demonstration, held on the Saturday preceding Easter Monday, was very successful, and did infinite credit to its promoters, more especially when the comparative smallness of the Monmouthshire District is taken into consideration. The choir was an excellent one, and well merited the warm eulogiums passed upon it. There was a sweetness and also a richnessa of tone infused into the music seldom obtained in choirs gathered from various parts. The speeches on the whole were good and to the point, Sister Walshaw, G.S.J.T., being especially successful, her expressive and taking delivery being very acceptable to both adults and children. When it was announced that the Monmouth District had won the J.T. challenge shield for the second time in succession, the audience fairly shouted with delight. The meeting was a new feature, and I hope it will become a permanent item in the Grand Lodge programme. We cannot too often bring the claims of our Juveniles before the public, and no better opportunity can be found than when our members are assembling in force.

Monday's proceedings presented a strange contrast to those at Manchester on the corresponding day of last year. Instead of 1,000 members presenting themselves for the Grand Lodge Degree, only 75 candidates appeared. I heard a few disparaging remarks on the smallness of the number. But when it is remembered that the Manchester District contained last year nearly 4,000 members, as well as being surrounded by several large Districts, and that Monmouth only has about 400 members, the number was as large as could have been expected. London must try and make up the deficiency next year. It will, however, be very hard if our weaker Districts are to be debarred from inviting G.L., because they can only expect to bring forth few candidates for the Degree. What the assembly lacked in numbers it made up in earnestness and enthusiasm.

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The reception meeting was not what it should have been. This was not the fault of the local friends, for the large Royal Albert Hall was crowded with a sympathetic and enthusiastic audience. But with one or two exceptions the speeches were not up to the mark. Of all the meetings held under the auspices of the Order, the Grand Lodge reception meeting should pre-eminently be *the* public gathering of the year, and the speakers representing us should endeavour to appear at their very best. Trivial generalities should not be indulged in, and "chaff" might be retained for a more appropriate season. The speeches should be thoroughly well prepared, and perhaps it would be better if, in future, subjects were given to the orators instead of, Micawber-like, "waiting for something to turn up," to provide them with a theme for their remarks. I am afraid our respected G.W.C.T. set a bad example on this occasion, for he admitted he had no "notes," in other words, no speech. I know the meeting was described as a "splendid success," but I can assure my readers many of our members thought otherwise, and they did not hesitate to express themselves the next morning.

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At the roll call on Tuesday morning nearly every representative responded, and we were very soon at work with the consideration of the G.W.C.T.'s report. As was expected, the very first section gave rise to a very warm discussion, it being felt by some of the Reps. from Middlesex that one of the paragraphs contained an uncalled for censure, besides favouring the division of the District. Bro. Winton took exception to the words complained of, and in doing so spoke with much feeling and warmth. For two hours the battle raged. Once a speaker let fall an expression to which exception was taken by the members calling out "No, no." Bro. G. Dodds, G.W.Co., who was presiding, brought down the gavel with a crash, and said "Order, this is not the House of Commons." Eventually, after the G.W.C.T. had replied, in which he repudiated any idea of censure, the section was adopted.

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The other officers' reports were taken on Tuesday afternoon, the only one giving rise to special discussion being that of the G.S.J.T. Considerable exception was taken to the paragraph referring to S. E. Lancashire. This special case was referred to a small committee, who upheld the action of the G.S.J.T., but the Grand Lodge instructed the new Executive to send a special commission to the District to settle the dispute, which appears to be a very serious one. Nobody doubted the right of an officer to refuse to grant a commission, but there was a very wide divergence of opinion as to how this right was to be exercised. From what I heard, a radical resolution on the whole subject of commissions may be looked for next year.

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By vote of the Grand Lodge the Political Conference was not held. I cannot see the utility of either the Juvenile or Political Conference, or of the committees appointed on these matters. The whole thing has to be discussed over again in full session. Besides, it is not fair to Districts. For example, the committee recommend that a certain resolution be not adopted, the representative of the District sending up the proposal, can only move it as an amendment and is cut off from the right to reply. This is an injustice, for our rules of order say the mover of the original resolution only has this right, and this must be the motion upon the digest. Again, is it competent for anyone to move the rejection of a resolution before it has been moved, seconded, and put from the chair?

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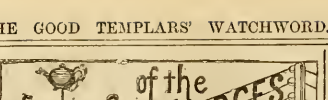

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METROPOLITAN.

Southwark.—"The Mint." April 21. Entertained by the Eagle J.T. Bro. Edwards, D.S.J.T., and Bro. Shepheard, W.D.M., spoke a few words of encouragement.—April 23. Sister Boyce, W.C.T., presided. Orders were drawn on the treasurer for constitutions, odes, and Lodge Tax. A new effort is being made to bring the Banner Fund to a successful issue. Bro. Morris Evans is elected hon. sec., and Bros. Hill, Morris, White, and Chapman, committee to promote the object.

North Bow.—"Commonwealth." April 17. Bro. Degerdon, W.C.T.; pleasant session; sensible songs by Bros. Degerdon, Young, and Hammon, and Sisters Dean and Young.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." April 13. Visit of Stratford Beacon Light Lodge; very pleasant session; good attendance; the visitors officered and entertained with songs, recitations, &c., Bro. Garwood, S.J.T., presiding.—April 20. United gathering of Lodges; Bro. Winton, D.C.T., presided. Bro. Le Sage, V.D., was unanimously recommended as L.D., and Bro. Carman was unanimously recommended as E.S.; Bros. Figg and Le Sage, V.D.'s of 6 and 7 Sub-Districts, reported as to the work, and Bro. Carman, P.W.S.J.T., reported on the juvenile work; Bro. Wells, T.D., and Bro. Carman reported on Havelock Degree Temple; Bro. Winton gave a very encouraging address; good attendance, Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T., and Sister Gibson, P.W.D.V.T., were amongst the visitors.—April 22. A number of the members invited by the L.D., Bro. Le Sage, paid a surprise visit to the Emmanuel Lodge, Upton, where they officered and entertained, Bro. Le Sage presiding.—April 27. Parliamentary night; pleasant and interesting session; good attendance, including a brother from Halifax, Nova Scotia, who brought the greetings of his Lodge. Programme presented for next quarter; a number of Lodges invited, and several invites accepted to pay visits. The greetings sent to the G.L. then in session. After business Bro. Le Sage, V.D., opened the debate on the G.W.C.T. address; but in consequence of the shortness of time and importance of the matter, the debate was adjourned.

Upper Clapton.—"Upper Clapton." May 3. Interesting programme adopted for ensuing term; officers' report read, balance in hand. Election of officers: Bro. E. A. Gibson, W.C.T.; Sister Meld, W.V.T.; Bro. J. Winters, W.Sec.; installed by Bro. Davies, L.D., Trinity Lodge.

Stockwell.—"Stockwell Hope." May 1. Election and installation of officers; Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co, installed the new officers: W.C.T., Bro. Young; W.V.T., Sister Allison; W.S., Bro. Summerford. Tea was paid on 69 members—a decrease of one.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." April 23. Social meeting; Bro. McAllister, L.D., presided; songs, duets, and recitations; refreshments served.—April 30. Election of officers: Bro. Turney, W.C.T.; Sister Morris, W.V.T.; Bro. W. J. Thomas, W.Sec. The officers were installed by Bro. McAllister, L.D. Reports of officers very satisfactory; total number returned in good standing, 74; increase of eight on the quarter.

Southwark.—"Trinity." April 8. Paper by Bro. Angus, W.M., "What drinks contain alcohol," a useful discussion followed; a pleasant evening.—April 15. Electoral Superintendent's night. The D.E.S. raised the question of the Vote for Vote policy, which was taken up heartily by both sides and proved highly interesting.—April 22. Public Demonstration in the chapel in aid of the funds of the Orphanage and Temperance Hospital; a procession of members paraded the neighbourhood, Bro. Dr. S. Dawson Burns presided, and addresses were given by Dr. Carpenter, Bro. Rolfe, Bro. Hodges, W.D.S., and others; songs were given by Sister Marion Hyde and by Bro. Tom Wilson of the Phœnix Order.

Stratford.—"Beacon Light." April 7. Visit of the Hope and Leytonstone Lodges, who officered and entertained the Lodge with a good programme. Songs, recitations, and readings by Sister Crump and Bros. Enever, Burrell, Tomkins, Crump, and Hoxley.—April 21. Grumbling night, and no offence. Bro. Haines elected L.D., and Bro. J. E. Garwood E.S.—April 28. Open Lodge 8 till 9, when the members and friends were entertained by the Choir of Stratford, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to them for entertaining us.

Commercial Road.—"Mile End." April 17. Musical soirée. A very great success; room full; programme well carried out; 171 present. Several promised to join.—April 24. Election of officers: Bro. Harvey, W.C.T., Sister Abrens, W.V.T.; Bro. Ahrens, W.Sec. Very busy session. One admitted on c.c. and one initiated.—May 1. Installation of officers. The officers reports shewed the Lodge to be in a very flourishing condition, having passed an excellent quarter. Membership largely increased and a handsome balance in the hands of the treasurer. Good programme adopted for new quarter. Excellent report rendered by the refreshment committee, who have largely contributed to the comfort of the members. Bro. W. Rains, W.D.Chap., installed the officers. o, Rains gave a very appropriate address; very good meeting; good increase in sale of WATCHWORDS.

Shadwell.—"Pride of Lyttleton." April 16. A successful soirée; programme well sustained; 102 present; Bro.W. Hill presided.—April 30. Election of officers; Bro. J. Lindsay, W.C.T.; Sister Caine, W.V.T.; Bro. Lighton, W.S. Lodge much improved during the quarter, new regalia having been obtained, and also Lodge furniture; programme committee appointed, and also a committee to start a Juvenile Temple in the present Lodge-room; very good session.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." April 22. Bro. Hilton re-elected L.D.; Bro. Collins re-elected L.E.S. Visit of John Bunyan Lodge, who officered and entertained, presided over by Bro. Rickard. Very pleasant meeting.—April 29. Visit of Bro. J. C. Woollacot, V.D., who presided and gave some good counsel. Programme adopted for ensuing quarter. Decided to assist other societies in open-air work during summer months.

Harlesden, N.W.—"Harlesden." April 7. Discussion on motion of Citizen Lodge; resolved that our Rep. vote against the division of the District. Resolved that we take part in the Good Friday Temperance Demonstration at Harlesden. Impromptu speaking was well and ably carried out, the subjects being educational. Bro. Lucas, V.D., presided.—April 14. Resolved that we advertise in the *Willesden Herald*. Songs by Bros. Vidler and Ovens; readings and recitations by Bros. Taylor, Guthrie, sen., and Guthrie, jun.—April 21. Invitation accepted to visit the West London Pioneer Lodge. Bro. J. R. Guthrie was re-recommended as L.D., and Bro. Ched as E.S. Visit of Queen's Own Lodge; songs by Bros. Smith, and Woodley and Sister Symonds; flute solo, by Bro. Underhill; original reading, by Sister Hodges; and Bro. Lovitt a short address. One candidate proposed, one admitted on c.c., and one initiated.—April 28. Report of Soirée Committee; satisfactory result. Programme Committee's report adopted. Capitation tax drawn on 52 members, being an increase of eight on the quarter. Programme, "Attack and Defence," conducted by Bro. J. R. Guthrie. One candidate proposed.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." May 1. Room crowded. Bro. Staples, W.C.T., presided. The programme for the quarter was read and adopted. The Secretary's report shewed the Lodge to be steadily progressing, and after allowing for deaths and suspensions, returned 126 members in good standing. The Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's report shewed that the Lodge was in a good financial condition. Bro. Henry Ansell, L.D., installed the officers.

Peckham.—"Peckham." April 30. Programme for new term adopted after discussion. Bro. L. E. Hookway re-elected L.D., and Bro. Drumgold L.E.S.

Wandsworth-road.—"Lambeth Pioneers." April 28. Election of officers: W.C.T., Sister Gardner; W.V.T., Sister Dye; W.S., Bro. Mills. Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., presided, and gave some interesting features for the programme and for the future conduct of the Lodge.

Pentonville.—"Vernon." April 19. One candidate proposed. Bro. Allward was elected as L.D., and Bro. Kemp as E.S. Bro. Gunn presented the greetings of the Sword of Gideon Lodge, Dover. A Regalia Fund has been started for a new set of officers. Room crowded. W.Tarrowmus and Bro. May 3. Three candidates initiated, and two admitted on c.c. Nearly eight invitations read from Lodges, Temperance societies, &c. The nomination of officers was gone into and finished after a great contest.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." May 4. One initiated. Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T. Election of officers. Bro. F. Turney re-elected W.C.T.; Sister A. Harding, W.V.T.; Bro. J. B. Bentley re-elected W.S. Installed by Bro. T. C. Macrow, L.D.

Leicester-square.—"Orange Branch." May 3. Bro. W. E. Turner, W.C.T. Visit by Bro. S. W. Tysoe, W.D.C., Beds. One initiated. Officers' reports read and adopted, the W.Sec.'s report shewing a membership of 32. Programme Committee's report read, shewing a good programme for the ensuing quarter. Election of officers, with the following results:—W.C.T., Bro. G. H. Lamb; W.V.T., Sister E. A. Wilson; W.Sec., Bro. Weldhon (re-elected). Pleasant session.

Chelsea.—"James McCurry." April 8. One initiated. Bro. Seagars gave report on juvenile conference, also D.L.; after discussion, reports adopted.—April 15. Paper by Bro. W. Colbert, E.S., "Drink and Depression of Trade"; discussed by Bros. T. W. Grigg, L.D., Rowe, Dunkley, Welfare and others, very instructive evening.—April 22. Bro. Howard elected L.D.; Bro. W. Colbert (re-elected) E.S. Programme, twopenny night. Members and visitors plentifully supplied with coffee and buns. A pleasant and social evening.—April 29. Officers' reports. W.S. report shewing a slight decrease in membership. After a sharp discussion by Bros. Colbert, T. Grigg and Nichols, sen., reports adopted.

PROVINCIAL.

NEWARK.—"Active." April 20. Election of L.D.; short papers, songs, readings, &c. Bro. Henderson was re-elected L.D. A paper was given by Bro. Cabb, on "Women's Suffrage"; well discussed by the members. Song, by Sister Derrick, and reading by Bro. Belton.—April 27. Quarterly Magazine by the D.C.T., Bro. Brooks; the magazine for this quarter proved very instructive, amusing and entertaining, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members. A committee was appointed to consider on making the flower show, held annually, more open to the other Temperance societies in the town. Very pleasant and instructive evening.

LEEDS.—"Priestley United."—April 20. Two initiated, and two proposed. Programme: Bro. Gregson's night with his electric battery; a very enjoyable evening was spent: good attendance.—April 27. One initiated; good attendance. Programme: Bro. E. Spencer, Thomas, Smith and McDonald's night, who provided tea, buns, biscuits, sweets, oranges, &c., Songs and choruses by the entertainers; a very pleasant evening.

CHELMSFORD.—"Chelmsford." February 23. Two initiated; debate, "The advantages of living in town and country compared," introduced by Bro. J. Spence; good meeting.—March 9. One initiated; Bros. Johnson, Crow, and Pilgrim appointed collectors for Home Mission Fund: anecdote night.—March 10. Public meeting in the Institute, Rev. G. C. Pestans in the chair; addresses by Bro. Chief Wanbuno and Bro. John Kampster, G.E.S. —March 16. Three proposed; evening with Sonthey, introduced by Bro. H. S. Church, W.S.Sec.—March 23. One proposed; question box.—March 30. Round night; very amusing; 8s. 1d. for the funds.—April 6. Business, sing a song, &c., or pay 1d. fine; total fines, 3s. 6d.—April 7. Public meeting; Rev. J. G. Morrow in the chair; second visit of, and earnest address by, Bro. Chief Wanbuno, who was attired in native costume; large audience.—April 13. Four proposed; interesting and useful paper on conversation by Bro. S. Collins, P.W.C.T.; a debate followed; useful session.—April 20. Bro. S. Clift was re-recommended as L.D., and Bro. J. K. Orams as E. Supt.; public meeting; Bro. A. Filgrim, W.C.T., in the chair; good programme and large audience.

WHITTLE.—"Writtle." February 3. Election and installation of officers: W.C.T., Bro. E. A. Hunt (re-elected); W.V.T., Bro. H. C. Beadle; W.Sec., Sister S. A. Widocks (re-elected). Installed by Bro. R. A. Slader, L.D.—February 17. Public meeting. Addresses given by Bros. W. Lavelle, J. Spence, and H. S. Church, W.D.S. Bro. E. A. Hunt, W.C.T., presided.—February 24. Second Degree conferred upon eight members.—March 16. Bro. G. A. Webb, of Hope of Brentwood Lodge, presented the Lodge library with 15 volumes.—March 31. Prayer meeting; well attended; passed off very well.—April 9. Very successful concert; Net financial result, 14s.—April 21. Bro. R. A. Slader re-recommended as L.D., and Bro. E. A. Hunt recommended as Deputy; present membership, 50, being an increase of three during the quarter.

WINCHESTER.—"City of Winchester." April 28. Sister Dean, W.C.T., presiding. A good attendance; two proposed and two initiated. Bro. White provided programme; a most enjoyable evening spent; songs, Bros. White, Sister Batchelor, Bro. Sergeant Checkley; duets, Sisters Hibberd; readings, Bro. Perry and Bro. Lucas.

NEW WORTLEY, LEEDS.—"Friendly Aid." April 23. Band of Hope demonstration. Members of Lodge and Temple walked in regalia, with processions through principal streets and back to Lodge room, when about 135 sat down to tea. An entertainment followed and presentation of prizes to Juvenile Templars.—April 24. A ham and dogma tea was successful.—April 26. About 40 members sat down to a good substantial breakfast in honour of the marriage of Bro. S. Sykes and Sister L. Lawton, P.W.V.T., after which arrangements were made for a pic-nic to Saltaire and Shipley Glen, and a very enjoyable day was spent.—April 27. Marriage festivities renewed by picnic to Kirkstall Abbey.—April 28. A very pleasant session; vote of congratulation to Bro. and Sister Sykes, Bro. Wilson, of New Zealand, spoke on Good of Order, and detailed the progress of the Order and Temperance generally in that country. One member restored.

MANCHESTER.—"Tower of Refuge." April 27. One initiated, and one proposed. Bro. Sharples, S.D., addressed the Lodge on the progress of the Temperance movement. Bro. Borne gave a recitation. Fraternal greetings received from the Criterion Lodge, Liverpool. Greetings sent to Grand Lodge.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." April 29. Programme provided by Sister Hall and Boyes, consisting of songs, recitations, &c., by Sister Hall and Bros. Hanson, F. Wilkinson, Boyes, and Green. Enjoyable session.

COVENTRY.—"Sandford Example." April 21. Programme, postman's night; our letter bag this evening contained a great surprise in the form of letters, and a testimonial of the services of one of our brothers. On behalf of the Nil Desperandum Lodge V 22 and Portsmouth Garrison Lodge V 23, Bro. T. R. Burdett, V.D., presented Bro. Joseph Palmer Price, with a valuable writing desk and an address in acknowledgment of his past services with V 22, in the Soudan, and Y 23 at Portsmouth. Several brothers spoke as to the good work they had read of from time to time, as being done by Bro. Palmer Price, and hoped that he would long be spared to do good work in the Sandford Example Lodge. Bro. Price responded in suitable terms. Fraternal greetings of Nil Desperandum, Portsmouth Garrison, Buckinlands Brightest Star, and Old Fortisth Lodge, and Juvenile Temple were conveyed by Sister Hosking, and heartily accepted.—May 1. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. R. Burdett; W.V.T., Sister L. Garratt; W. Sec., Bro. J. Palmer Price. The officers were installed by Bro. Williamson, L.D., of Sir Thomas White Lodge.

HADFIELD.—"John Sergeant." April 21. Open session; songs, Sisters M. A. Williams, Groves, and Bostock; recitations, Bros. Harrop and Green; Bro. Jones, P.L.D.Co., gave an address. A very pleasant evening.—April 28. Songs, Bros. Nixon and Green; readings, Bros. Booth and Green. Members in good standing, 20; initiated during quarter, seven.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." April 30. Tax paid; congratulations to Bro. and Sister Peacock on their marriage. Musical sketch, Sister Hitchcock and Bro. Powell, jun.; recitations, Sisters Snell, Bixley, and Qualch; song, Bro. Martin. Three proposed and one initiated.

MANCHESTER.—"Grand Alliance." April 29. Paper for social discussion by Sister Kightley, W.D.V.T., "Sisters Wrongs, and How to Right Them." Programme submitted and considered. Lodge is very prosperous, having nearly doubled its membership; 75 in good standing. Three initiated. Address by Bro. Leonard.

RENFREW.—"Help and Refuge." April 27. Two initiated. Ten initiated during the quarter. Lodge working well. Programme: "Pit-bits from WATCHWORD and other sources," members taking interest in the programme.

TRURO.—"Guiding Star." April 22. Bro. Ball re-recommended as L.D., and Bro. Councillor J. T. Jacob recommended as E.S. Lodge officered by private members, and a comfortable evening spent.—April 29. Inspection of roll. Increase of three members on quarter. One initiated.

ST. NEOTS.—"Star of St. Neots." March 11. Pound night; proceeds to go for Lodge requisites; Bro. S. Hinsby, W.C.T., acted as auctioneer.—March 18. Roll call and Degree night. Second Degree conferred on six, and Third Degree on four. Resolved to ask Sir W. Harpur Lodge, Bedford, to pay us a visit.—March 25. Open Lodge; glees, recitations, readings, and an address by Bro. S. Hinsby.—April 1. Musical night, conducted by Bros. Mead; songs by Sisters Barnes and Murdoch, Bros. Mead and Murdoch; and glees by the choir. Sister Wells presided at the harmonium; 10s. voted to Negro Mission Fund. —April 8. Discussion on "How best to retain our members?" Paper read by Bro. Murdoch, and discussed by Bros. S. Hinsby, Elkins, Baamnont, and J. Hinsby.—April 15. "Auction night." Amount realised to go for advertising in the visitors' guide of the WATCHWORD. April 22. Bro. Murdoch recommended as L.D. (Bro. H. Elkins retiring after 15 years' service). Bro. Luff recommended as L.E.S. Single members' night, conducted by Sister A. Franks, W.V.T. The single members surprised the Lodge with hot coffee and a plentiful supply of provisions; a very pleasant evening.—April 29. Reports of officers. The W.S. report shewed a slight increase on the previous quarter.

IPSWICH.—"Orwell." April 22. Bro. J. C. Ayton recommended as L.D., and Bro. R. J. Keys as L.E.S.—April 29. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Holder, re-elected; W.V.T., Sister Leggett; W.Sec., Sister E. Ayton. Capital welcome was then drawn up in Lodge, all members assisting.

HALSTEAD.—"Hornor." April 15. Two initiated, one received on c.c. Grumbling night, well carried out. Good attendance.—April 22. Bro. G. Mayes was recommended as L.D., and Bro. W. H. Warner as L.E.S.—April 23. Public tea. About 60 members and friends sat down to tea. After tea the evening was spent in songs, games, recitations, &c.—April 29. Juvenile Temple committee reported, recommending the Lodge to start a Temple. The report was adopted, and the committee instructed to arrange for the starting of Temple as soon as possible.

KEIGHLEY.—"Reformation." April 22. Splendid session; one re-admitted and one proposed. Resolved to send an account of our Lodge Sessions to the WATCHWORD; Bro. A. Barnes, W.C.T., appointed reporter.—April 29. The question of open-air work during the summer months was brought forward, a discussion ensued, and the question was left over until next week.

MANCHESTER.—"City." April 22. Programme for ensuing quarter adopted; Bros. R. Hunter and G. B. Walker were recommended as L.D. and L.E.S. respectively.—April 29. Bro. W. Rose presented a very interesting report of No. 1 Convention Session. A very enjoyable trips supper was partaken of by a good number of members and visitors, the following entertaining: Bros. Parfitt, C.C.T., Lightfoot, Rose, Boyes and Sister Newton.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morice Town." April 28. Bro. Rich, W.C.T., presiding; a splendid gathering. Tax paid upon 59 members, or an increase of six. Invitation from Mount Edgecumba Lodge, Stonehouse, accepted; songs by Bro. Show and three sisters. On the 29th a good muster of members visited the Mount Edgecumba Lodge, and Bro. Sergeant Cooper, Royal Irish Regiment, presided. Songs and recitations were given by visitors and friends.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." May 1. Election and installation: Bro. J. G. McLean, W.C.T.; Sister Mary Ashbridge, W.V.T.; Bro. Peter Taylor, W.Sec., re-elected; a keen contest for several of the officers. Bro. J. Burt, V.D., installed the officers. The reports of past officers shew the Lodge to be in a very healthy condition. Tax paid upon 31 members, and a balance in hand of 14s. One brother initiated.

LOWESTOFT.—"James Teare." April 26. Visit of Bro. T. H. Hamley, W.C.T., who presided; Bro. Hurrell, L.D., of the Patent Life Boat Lodge, H. M. S. Northampton gave a very good account of the work in Nova Scotia and West Indies. Bros. Hamley, Taylor and Prouse addressed the meeting, which was a very pleasant one.

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore." May 1. Officers elected: Bro. Tolton, W.C.T.; Sister Hoskinson, W.V.T.; Sister Kightley, W.S.; Bro. Mills, L.D.; installed, assisted by Bro. Brooks, P.G.W.C.T., who addressed the Lodge on the duties of officers. Report of W.S. gave 127 members in good standing, and that of Bro. Stokoe, W.F.S., shewed an improved financial position. Bro. Cocker, P.G.G., gave a brief but earnest address. One admitted on c.c., two initiated.

EXETER.—"Perseverance." April 26. Communication read from D.C.T., on the division of the county into Parliamentary Districts, discussion, same adjourned. Sister Walker elected collector for Home Mission Fund. Short addresses by Bro. Gooch Langworthy and Gorfin of Matthew the Miller. Songs by Bros. Langworthy and Perriam. One initiated.

MANCHESTER.—"Pioneer." April 10. After the quarterly session of Sister 3 convention, the Lodge celebrated its 15th anniversary by a first-class tea, after which a short entertainment was given, presided over by the C.C.T., Bro. H. Parfitt, the opening prayer was offered by Bro. J. S. Gavin, readings and recitations were given by Sisters M. E. Jones, Dabba, and H. Jones, Bros. D. Gavin and E. K. George, varied by three charming songs by Sister Handley (Hope of St. Bartholomew, Salford), short address by Bro. Handley. The evening concluded with some enjoyable games.—April 12. One initiated, after which entertained by Bros. Grice and E. K. George, Sister H. Jones, and short address by Bro. Keuworthy, Fidelity Lodge, Messley.—April 19. Report of Convention Reps., after which, question box proved both instructive and amusing. Bro. H. J. Jones recommended as L.D., and Bro. J. S. Gavin as E.S.—May 3. Election and installation. W.C.T., Bro. J. S. Gavin; W.V.T., Sister H. Golden; W.S., Bro. E. K. George; installed by Sister Parfitt, T.D. Two initiated. Pleasant meeting.

GLOSSOP.—"Mount Pleasant." April 15. After the business the members of the Dare to do Right Temple, officered and entertained.—April 23. Bro. Redfern, V.D., officially visited and gave a very encouraging address.—April 30. Officers reports adopted.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." May 1. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. C. West; W.V.T., Sister Mrs. West; W. Sec., Bro. Le Kaux; songs, Sisters Osborne, Blowfield, Kingswood, West, Bros. Douglas, Smith, Jones, and Cargean; recitations, Sister Privetts, Bro. Powell; readings, Bro. Fry; musical sketch, Bro. Pourell and Sister Hitchcock.

NEWPORT (MON.).—"Star of Newport." April 30. Four propositions. Bro. W. H. Brown, W.C.T. Business suspended. Bro. J. Potter, G.W.C.T. (Channel Islands), presided. The following visitors were present: Bros. Derrington, Eccles, Harrison, Southwood, Dodson, Spurgeon, Kennard, Jones, Macrow, Ellery, Bowen, Tree, Winfield, Child, Gover, Gape, Crow, E. Gray, Webb, Haarnack, Bro. and Sister Stacey Watson. Short addresses by each. Hall well filled. A profitable session.

BRISTOL.—"Morning Star." April 30. Interesting Session. Bro. Lucas, W.D.Sec., gave a very amusing paper, on the "Visit of a Party of 'Morning Stars' to the Grand 'Constellid,' Crystal Palace, at Newport (Mon.) on Easter Monday." Previous to the reading of the paper, some remarks were made respecting the business of the Grand Lodge, viz., the Provident Fund and the Suppression of Parlour Games. A good attendance.

MANCHESTER.—"Good Samaritan." April 20. Visited by Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., who presided and gave an address. Bro. Smethurst recommended as L.D. and Bro. Stanton as E.S. A short enjoyable programme provided by the Bros. Saxton, who were responsible.—April 27. Election of officers: Bro. E. J. Cowan, W.C.T.; Sister Bates, W.V.T.; Bro. Edrick Saxton, W.S. A resolution expressing regret at the removal of Bro. Yarnold, who has been an ernest active useful member of the Lodge for several years, but is now going to Birmingham, was unanimously adopted, to which Bro. Yarnood appropriately replied.

LIVERPOOL.—"Vauxhall." April 26. Annual soirée; Bro. R. P. Gordon, L.D., presided; 210 present. After Bro. David Gordon was presented with his portrait. Bro. Longmuir in making the presentation alluded to the valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. D Gordon during the 12 years he had held the office o Treasurer. In returning thanks, Bro. Gordon, who is in his 80th year, testified as to the benefits of Good Templary and total abstinence, and stated that in 1831 he signed in Newcastle a Temperance pledge, which was to abstain from the use of rum, gin, brandy, and whisky, and which he believed was the first form of pledge in this country. The concert was then proceeded with, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Miss Hughes, Miss Maggie Smith, Miss Wardlow, and Messrs. Williams and Ronson contributing to the harmony. Mrs. Birch accompanied on the pianoforte.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." April 30. Bro. Parr, D.C.T., presided. Bro. Sandford, sen., was recommended as L.D., and Bro. Sattesford, sen., as E.S. The programme for the coming quarter was agreed to. The following officers were elected: W.C.T., Bro. Blank; W.V.T., Sister Oakeshott, jun.; W.Sec., Bro. Sattesford, sen.

LOWESTOFT.—"Crusaders of Chertsey." April 15. Bro. N. G. Lowther was recommended as L.D., and Bro. E. Hamilton as E.S.; sisters surprise, the brothers were all served with presents, some of which created much amusement.—April 22. One initiated and one received. April 29. A public coffee supper was held which was attended by a good company, the public meeting afterwards was presided over by Bro. S. Bullard; songs by Sister Cossens, Bros. Williams and Woods; recitations by Mr. P. Bullard, Bro. Cossens, and Sister Howard; Bro. Woods gave an address on "Home"; provisions for the supper having been given by the members about 30s. were added to the funds.

BOLTON.—"Claremont." April 29. Postman's night. Letters from G.W.Co., W.D.V.T., W.D.Co., and W.D.Sec., which were much appreciated. Enjoyable evening spent. Good attendance. Lodge progressing.

HUDDERSFIELD.—"New Hope." May 3. Returns shew a membership of 61 sisters and 83 brothers in good standing, a decrease on last quarter. Election of officers, W.C.T., Bro. A. G. Mellor, re-elected; W.S., Sister S. Crowe, re-elected. Installed by L.D., Bro. J. W. Wood. Three proposed for membership. WATCHWORDS taken.

STOCKTON.—"Hope of South Stockton." May 3.—Reports of officers shew a flourishing state of things; net increase during the quarter 35. Officers installed by Bro. Lee, D.E.S. Bro. W. Brown, W.C.T., Bro. Peck, W.S. Resolution adopted "That this Lodge congratulate Bro. Lee, D.E.S., upon his election as member of the South Stockton Local Board; that they are gratified in now having two members of their Lodge (Bro. Lee and Bro. Hartas) members of that body; and that they thank the Temperance voters who have so ably seconded their efforts to return these members to the highest local position attainable.

WALES.

PENYBONT.—United Sub-Lodge Session at Crossgates National School-room, April 29. Bro. D. Charles Davies, D.C.T., presided, and there were present representatives from the following Lodges;—Union, (Penybont); Peace and Prosperity, (Llandrindod Welle); and Ancient Briton, (Gaystre.) A programme of addresses, singing, reciting, &c., was gone through by Bros. Davies, D.C.T., Boulter, W.D.Sec., Leswis, W.D.T., W. Jones, S.D., John James'

R. T. Evans, Sister Davies, and others. A discussion took place as to the consistency of D.L. officers attending and taking a prominent part in public-house dinners. Interesting and profitable session.

IRELAND.

Belfast.—"Sirocco." May 3. Retiring officers' reports showed Lodge to be in hopeful condition. The G.E.S. installed officers, W.C.T., Bro. Alexander G. Ellis; W.V.T., Sister E. McKinley; W.Sec. Bro. White. Bro. Shippobotham was elected as L.D.; and Bro. White as Rep. to G.L. Watchwords sold every night.

MILITARY.

Winchester.—"Garrison Safeguard." April 27. Large attendance. Bro. G. C. Mills, L.D., presided, and initiated four candidates, and subsequently gave place to Sister Mrs. Gabb, D.S.J.T. The Standing Committees presented their report for the quarter, which shewed a membership of 69, an increase of two on the quarter, and that 38 new members had been admitted. Sister Gabb congratulated the Lodge on its active work and interest taken in starting the Temple, and spoke hopefully of the work in Aldershot, especially in the King's Own and Christian's Hope Lodges, and stated that the Victoria Empress J.T., of the Old Fortieth Lodge had admitted over 100 new members during the past quarter.

DEGREE TEMPLES.

Camden Town.—The St. Pancras and King's Cross United Temples held their third meeting at Camden Hall on May 1. Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., presided, and the following D.L. officers were present: Sister Shakespear, D.V.T.; Sister Shipman, D.D.M.; and Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co. The Third Degree was conferred on three applicants, and Second Degree on 10. Bro. J. W. Jones having another meeting to attend, vacated the chair, and Bro. W. Sutherland presided for the remainder of evening, and gave us a outline of the G.Lodge proceeding during the week which they had attended. Bro. Sherwin proposed, Bro. Nichols seconded that a letter be written to Bro. Winton, congratulating him on his election as G.W.Chaplain. Bro. Shipman moved that a telegram be sent at once. Carried. Sister Shakespear gave some advice to the newD egree members. A vote of thanks to the District L. officers brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

Hackney.—"Haveleck." April 21. Pleasant session. Degrees conferred upon several applicants. A motion to remove the Temple to another room was lost, but a committee was appointed to find a room in a more central position. It was resolved that the D. Executive be asked to unite the two Sub-Districts again under one V.D., and Bro. E. A. Gibson was unanimously recommended to the Executive for commission as V.D. Bro. Wells was also unanimously recommended as Temple Deputy.

Chelsea.—"West Metropolitan." May 3. Third Degree conferred on three candidates; Bro. G. Gustereon, D.T. Recommendation T.D.: after a sharp competition of five candidates for the office, resulted in the re-election of Bro. T. C. Macrow; large attendance.

Manchester.—"City of Manchester." April 8: Usual fortnightly session. One brother took the Third Degree, after which, Sister A. Parfitt, T.D., kindly invited all to a nice tea in celebration of her birthday, which proved very enjoyable, wishing "many happy returns" was drunk in the cup that cheers, &c.—22. Resolved after June 3, to meet every three weeks during summer season. Programme for next term adopted.

GOOD TEMPLARS TO THE FRONT.

Bro. Francis Edyvean.—Our readers will remember that recently we reported the loss of the fishing boat Miriam, of Porthleven, by collision, and the drowning of three of her crew, all Good Templars, and the heroic conduct of Bro. F. Edyvean, who is only 17 years of age, who was the means of saving the remainder of the crew and himself. We are now glad to learn that the Board of Trade have awarded their bronze medal for gallantry to Bro. Francis Edyvean. The following is the official record of the deed of daring:—The Miriam was in collision with the Acacia, of Plymouth, on March 3, 1886, and shortly after wards filled and went down. Three of her crew, of whom F. Edyvean was one, jumped overboard, and clung to some of the wreckage, and a boat belonging to the Acacia was sent to their assistance, but was unable to reach them, when F. Edyvean bravely quitted the wreckage, swam to the boat and sculled her to the wreckage, and took off his two companions, who were almost exhausted.

Bro. J. Yarwood.—Out of a large number of applicants Bro. James Yarwood, of the Manchester Good Samaritan Lodge, was recently appointed Chief Flagger to the Birmingham Corps station, Bro. Yarwood stating, when bidding the Lodge farewell, that he owes to its influence his present position, he being a decided trophy of the Lodge's good work.

The May Meetings.—Friends visiting London may find excellent day accommodation at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C. Luncheons, teas, &c., at moderate tariff. Country subscriptions 10s. 6d. per annum. Reading and writing-rooms, &c.

Bro. Robottom is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[Advt]

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D.C.T.—Quarter-Master Sergeant, O. G. L. Jones, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—Sister E. K. Gabb, Bazaar Coffee House, Farnborough-road, Farnborough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. Smith, 19, Hearn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

Naval District.

D.C.T.—James Rae, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

D.S.J.T.—William Andrews, 50, Anglesea-road, Woolwich.

W.D.S.—William Davey, 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton, Kent.

G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

TO ALL LODGES AND DEPUTIES.

All newly-recommended Lodge Deputies are hereby empowered to install the officers of their respective Lodges; and the action of retiring Deputies in installing officers, pending receipt of the new commissions, is hereby ratified. As it is desired to enclose summaries of the Grand Lodge Session just held, the Commissions will be delayed a few days. The anticipated change in cypher will not be made in relation to the password, which can be read with the former key.

(Signed) Joseph W. Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.L. Offices, May 4, 1886.

WARNING AGAINST AN IMPOSTOR.

R. N. Sisk, who we some time ago announced in the Watchword as in the neighbourhood of Chertsey, has recently been again performing in Bedford and other places. He is notable as a remarkably short man, and sometimes signs his name as Harriss. He carries various papers signed by different D.D.'s. I repeat, any member who has given him relief should give him in charge. He is about 5 feet 2 inches in height, and is probably nearly 60 years of age.

Lodges should impound his papers and give him in charge.

Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

West Cornwall.—Bro. Thomas James, 16, High-street, Penzance, has been appointed W.D.Sec., in place of Bro. J. W. Trounson.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents are requested to notice the following instructions in forwarding items of news:—

No notice will be taken of communications unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

Address, Editor, Good Templars' Watchword, 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

H. II.—The sole cause of the disruption in the Order in 1876 was the unlawful exclusion of all coloured persons from the Order in nearly every ex-slave State of the United States Republic. Even now, we believe that throughout the ex-slave States the "White" Subordinate and Grand Lodges under the American R.W.G. Lodge allow no coloured persons to be members of their Lodges, nor allow coloured Good Templars to enter as visitors. The fact that the negro question alone still divides the Order can be proved if the Americans will only rub out the colour line, and introduce all, regardless of colour, in all their branches. If they would do this, reunion is even now not only possible, but very probable, and our G.W.C.T. would be glad to help to bring it about as he always has been.

HOME MISSION FUND.

Collected by Dis. Councillor Jas. J. Woods, D.C.T., South Durham:—

	£	s.	d.
Gosman and Smith	2	2	0
E. Withy and Co....	1	1	0
Roche and Pinkney	1	1	0
Metallic Valve Co.	1	1	0
Rayner and Wallis...	1	1	0
Geo. J. H. Hogg	1	1	0
R. W. Brydon	0	10	6
Councillor Shadforth	0	10	6
Councillor Wright...	0	8	0
	£8	15	0

John B. Collinos, G.W.Sec.

G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

NEW GOOD TEMPLAR OFFICES FUND.

The following responses have been already made to a private circular sent to Lodge Deputies and others for contributions to a special Fund of £200 to meet the expenses of necessary alterations in and fittings up of the new offices just acquired for the Grand Lodge.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowledged ...	46	13	9
Per H. Forknall, Leicester	0	6	6
Major S. Williams, Brighton	0	5	0
Hugh Jones, Bootle	0	5	0
G. H. Braithwaite, Horsforth	0	5	0
W. H. Chubb, Tow Law	0	5	0
G. J. Lee, Stone	0	5	0
W. Hobkirk, Cramlington	0	5	0
Per T. Goate, Great Yarmouth	0	5	0
Per J. Smith, Lancaster	0	5	0
Per T. Windle, Sheffield	0	5	0
Per Miss E. Watkins, Birmingham ...	0	5	0
Per J. C. Thomas, Holbeck	0	3	0
	£49	13	3

John B. Collings, G.W.Sec.,
G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

AN APPEAL BY MR. SAMUEL MORLEY TO PARENTS.

Mr. Morley's appeal referred to in our "Notes of the Week" in the Watchword for April 26, is as follows:—

"34, Grosvenor-street, W., April, 1886.

"Attention has recently been called to the large number of children who are constantly sent by their parents and friends to public-houses to fetch beer and spirits, and who are thus exposed to great temptation, and are frequently the witnesses of scenes of a most degraded character, which must have a bad influence upon them.

"Were parents fully to realise the danger to which they are exposing their children, it is believed that many would avoid the practice and thus preserve their little ones from familiarity with sights and sounds which are certain to weaken the effects of all religious and moral training.

"As one deeply interested in the welfare of the young, and intimately associated with several of the societies established for promoting it, I earnestly appeal to parents and friends of children to do all in their power, both by precept and example, to discourage this dangerous custom, and thus to remove one at least of the many pitfalls in the path of the youth of our beloved country.

"Samuel Morley."

Cramlington.—At the recent election for three vacancies on the Cramlington Local Board, out of eight candidates for the three seats, Bro. W. Hobkirk, P.D.D. Northumberland, W.D.S., headed the poll by a very large majority. Bro. Hobkirk has also been returned as Guardian on the Tynemouth Union Board.

Importance of Washing at Home.—This can be done with ease and economy and the clothes made beautifully sweet, wholesome, lily-white, and fresh as sea breezes, by using Hudson's Extract of Soap, avoiding all risk of contagion with infected clothes at Laundries, or where the washing is put out. No fraying of the clothes as hard rubbing, scrubbing, brushing, or straining is unnecessary. No rotting of the clothes as when bleaching chemicals are used. The Dirt slips away, and wear and tear, labour and fuel are saved. Hudson's Extract of Soap is a pure Dry Soap, in fine powder, rapidly soluble, lathers freely, softens water. A perfect Hard-water Soap, a Cold-water Soap, a Soft-water Soap, a Hot-water Soap. Unrivalled as a purifying agent. Sold Everywhere, in Packets, One Penny and upwards.—[Advt.]

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the League was held on Monday evening last at Exeter Hall, Strand. The Bishop of London (the President of the League) presided, and among others present were the Rev. William Bray (Newport, Mon.), the Rev. J. Marshall Lang, D.D. (Glasgow), the Rev. Urijah R. Thomas (Bristol), Sir Llewelyn Turner, J.P. (High Sheriff of Carnarvon), Mr. J. W. Probyn, J.P. (Crawley), Mr. T. Fry, M.P., Mr. J. Leicester, M.P., Surgeon Major R. Pringle, Mr. S. A. Blackwood, C.B., Mr. George Palmer, Mr. George Williams, the Rev. G. Murphy, the Hon. C. Dillon, the Hon. and Rev. Carr Glynn, Canon Fleming, and Mr. Robert Rae.

Mr. RAE read an abstract of the annual report, in which the Committee observe that the past year has been one of steady growth rather than of rapid advancement in the Temperance cause. Perhaps the most striking proof of that advancement is to be found in the recent Budget speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, though there are not wanting similar indications in other directions. The decline in the last year is the largest that has ever been known—due, in the opinion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the "voluntary Temperance of the people." Twenty-five years ago the most prominent, if not the only, representative of total abstinence in the House of Commons was Sir Edward Baines. In the Parliament elected last year, under the extended franchise, there are over 40, several of them being life abstainers; and to emphasise this fact, which cannot but be regarded as an indication of the progress of the cause throughout the community, an important meeting was held by the League on the 14th January, in the Westminster Town Hall. The Bishop of London, as president of the League, took the chair, and the meeting was addressed by 10 members of Parliament who are abstainers, whilst letters were received from 17 who were unable to be present. The oral and written testimonies were of a character not to be gainsaid. The continued progress of the medical profession towards the views propounded by total abstainers is most gratifying to the committee, seeing that in this they are but reaping the reward of much earnest labour in the past. In a remarkable article, entitled, "The Truth about Alcohol," which appeared in a recent number of the *British Medical Journal*, nearly all for which abstainers have contended is fully accorded. This journal admits that intoxicants are not a necessity of healthy existence; and that though alcohol has its place as a medicinal agent, yet its therapeutic range is becoming more and more narrowed as greater experience is acquired. The Committee have continued to develop, as much as they could, the promotion of Temperance in connection with the educational institutions of the country. They attach much importance to the labours of Mr. Frank Cheshire, who, during the last six years has delivered 900 lectures in metropolitan schools—last year's contribution being 128. He mentions in his report that from first to last no fewer than 162,000 children and 3,000 teachers have been present at the lectures, and that 55,000 essays or reports have been written by scholars. Mr. J. L. Fenn has given in small towns and country villages of the home counties 115 addresses in elementary schools; and in 35 schools in Mid-Bucks, where prizes were offered for the best accounts of his lectures, 560 children competed, 38 prizes being distributed at a meeting over which Baron de Rothschild, M.P., presided. The annual breakfast with the delegates attending the conference of the National Union of Elementary Teachers took place at Bradford on Easter Tuesday, and was addressed by Mr. Henry J. Wilson, M.P., as chairman; Canon Bardsley, vicar of Bradford; and Principal Fairbairn, D.D., of Oxford. An excellent impression was produced amongst the teachers, many of whom are total abstainers. An important conference of teachers was held in May last at Bristol; and several training colleges for teachers have been visited by Mr. Frank Cheshire and Mr. T. Marchant Williams. The League's Temperance work in the Royal Navy, superintended by Miss Weston, is carried on with vigour, and an encouraging measure of success. Many encouraging testimonies have been received from distant stations as to the improved conduct of British seamen at foreign ports, and the change is freely recognised as an evidence of the reality and power of the Temperance work which has been carried on in the Navy. The Committee continue to receive satisfactory evidence of the good resulting from their efforts to promote Temperance in the British Army; and they believe that if the military pledge roll could be accurately completed it would comprise at least 25,000 members, to which might be added many hundreds who have fulfilled their term of service, and are now active promoters of the Temperance cause in civil life. The Committee have held several gatherings of what may be termed an "international" character. One of these took place last July, when Dr. Cuyler, president of the National Temperance Society of the United States of America, was received by a large number of Temperance friends, the Lord Bishop of London presiding. A month later a reception was given at the house of Sir William McArthur, K.C.M.G., to the Hon. James Munro, an earnest total abstainer and a friend of Temperance legislation in the colony of Victoria. An International Temperance Congress, "against the abuse of alcoholic drinks," was held at Antwerp in September last, when the League was represented by Mr. John Taylor and the Secretary. With enlarged experience, the Committee are becoming increasingly convinced of the importance of their Publication Department, which has been efficiently maintained during the past year; and it is encouraging to find that the continued commercial depression has but slightly diminished the amount of business done, the sales for the year ending March 31 having amounted to £8,323 3s. 11½d. The new publications of the year include several important contributions to the scientific and educational aspects of the Temperance reformation, and the League's weekly, monthly, and quarterly periodicals have been growing in favour and widely-extended usefulness. The past year has not been particularly prosperous in regard to funds. The total subscriptions and donations for the year have been £2,518 1s. 3d.—£128 less than the preceding year; and the gross receipts of the general and publication departments combined have amounted to £11,206 3s. 3½d. A reference to the losses of prominent men by death concludes the report.

The CHAIRMAN, in his address, said it was a matter for congratulation that there had been during the year 1885 a greater falling off in the revenue derived from intoxicating liquors than in any preceding year, as far as could be traced. (Hear, hear.) This was a fact that would characterise 1885 in all their recollections, and which emphatically marked the progress which had been made, and marked in a way that corresponded with the special work which the National Temperance League had undertaken to do. While the League did its utmost to support all legislation in furtherance of the Temperance cause, their special work was to remove the temptations which beset their weaker-minded fellow-creatures by inducing them to voluntarily become abstainers. (Hear, hear.) They desired so to change public opinion and public practice that the legislation they desired should simply be the seal upon the work which was so much desired. If they had not shut up the drink shops they had converted men, and brought within their body a larger number than it had ever before been able to command. Every convert was a great gain, for everyone had a certain amount of influence, and directly they became abstainers they exercised it for good. They were always glad to receive money support, but he would rather that a man gave himself to the cause, than that he gave them £10,000 to support it. (Cheers.) They had already got Sunday Closing in Ireland and Wales, and he believed they would carry the measure of Sunday Closing for Durham, which had already passed the Commons, through the House of Lords. It would be wise for the Peers to join the representatives of the people in this matter, and he believed they would do so. (Cheers.)

Addresses were also given by the Revs. M. Lang, U. R. Thomas, Mr. J. W. Probyn, the Rev. W. Bray, Mr. S. A. Blackwood, and Surgeon-Major Pringle, and the proceedings, which were interspersed with singing by the Temperance Choral Society Choir, closed with prayer.

The League's annual sermon was preached on Sunday afternoon at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington-butts, by the Rev. C. B. Symes, B.A., of Kensington. A number of hymns, specially arranged for the occasion, were sung at intervals throughout the service. In his sermon, which was founded on a portion of Daniel, Mr. Symes dealt with the question of total abstinence upon moral and other grounds.

To CYCLISTS.—Strength and staying power, with admirable nutritive, flesh forming qualities, are retained in a concentrated form in Cadbury's Cocoa, providing an exhilarating beverage—comforting and sustaining for long or short trips.—[ADVT.]

INVISIBLE POISON.

CERTAIN CONCEALED DANGERS BROUGHT TO LIGHT THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF A YOUNG MAN.

If the men, women, and children of Great Britain could see the danger that is lurking around them each day and on every side, the most courageous would lose heart, appetite, and sleep. Air, even in the most open localities, is loaded with poison. Water is liable to contain animal matter that will develope and grow after being taken into the system. Food is almost certain to be adulterated, while accidents are always imminent. It is, perhaps, a merciful provision that few of these things are seen and fewer realised—but their danger is all the greater for this very reason. Most people who read these lines are almost certainly on the threshold of what may be a serious, possibly a fatal, danger. The forces that go to make life may be snapped instantly or by gradual degrees. The greatest dangers are often the most silent and least observed, and no one can afford to neglect even their slightest appearance.

These truths were strikingly illustrated in the experience of a young man whose acquaintance the writer chanced to make some few weeks ago. Said he: "I was conscious that something was silently but surely working against my life. At times I would feel shooting pains in my extremities; and then, again, my muscles and joints would fairly throb with agony. I was feverish, uneasy, and lost my ambition in life. These troubles grew until what were, at first, minor pains and annoyances, became actual burdens of agony. It seemed as though I could feel the disease growing, and creeping to every portion of my body. I finally became so bad that I had to abandon my college course and return to my home, where I laid for several weeks, hovering between life and death, with what the doctors called typhoid-malaria. Recovering somewhat I returned to my college duties, but was again seized with congestive chills, and had to give up. Being determined to learn the cause of my trouble, I looked about the room in which I lived and finally discovered an old abandoned sink actually reeking with sewer gas. The mystery was explained. The malaria had found an entrance through the drain-pipe, and had permeated every fibre of my being. I returned to my home and dragged out a miserable existence for nearly a year, getting no relief from the physicians I employed and the numerous medicines I took. Finally my mother induced me to try 'Warner's Safe Cure.' The first bottle that I took drove away the tired feeling, and after taking five or six bottles I was entirely restored to health."

"You certainly had a most wonderful experience," we remarked, "but was the cure permanent?"

"Entirely so, it is nearly two years ago that I was cured, and I have had no return of the malady. The 'Warner's Safe Cure' seemed to drive the poison entirely out of my system."

"Would you object to the publication of this statement?"

"Not in the least. Indeed, I have written to Messrs. H. H. Warner and Co., 47, Farringdon-street, London, E.C., stating my case in full, and giving them permission to make whatever use of it they see fit. I only regret that I am not a duke or an earl, that I might publish to the world how much this wonderful medicine has done for me. If you publish this interview I wish you would state that all letters regarding my case, addressed to George S. Roberts, 14, Norfolk-street, Strand, London, will receive prompt attention. I consider it a duty I owe to all who may be suffering as I did for three long years, to let them know that they can be cured. A man who has been benefited by the use of this medicine, as I have been, and would not tell others of it, would steal bread from the starving. Do not think my expressions extravagant, for all that I have said to you I truly feel. Not one person in a million ever comes so near death as I did and recover; but the men and women who are drifting towards the same end are legion. To note the slightest symptoms, to realise their significance, and to meet them in time by the use of the remedy which has been shewn to be so efficient, is a duty from which there can be no escape. They are fortunate who do this; they are on the sure road to death who neglect it."

But one conclusion can come to all fair-minded readers from the above facts; it is this: Malaria is omnipresent in the palaces of the rich as well as the hovels of the poor. Good plumbing and correct sanitary regulations cannot always keep it away; but it can be removed from the system and kept out by using the medicine above mentioned. No one can afford to overlook these facts—life may depend upon them; health and happiness certainly will.—*Sunday Words*, May 2, 1886.

C.E.T.S.—A legacy of £200 has just been received by the Church of England Temperance Society from the executors of the late Rev. John Robinson, of Sidmouth.

VISITORS' GUIDE.

Correspondents should always state on what night the Lodge meets. When no hour is stated the Lodge meets at 8 p.m.

Lodge Secretaries please note that we do not send receipts for payment of subscriptions: the appearance of the announcements for the period paid for being a sufficient acknowledgment.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury.—Norwood Schools, Southall. 7.30.
Benjamin Franklin.—Percy Hall, 3, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road.
Gratitude.—1, Wells-buildings, Haverstead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger.—Coffee Palace, High-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Orange Branch.—Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop.—St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina.—British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock.—Phœnix Coffee Tav., 49 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon.—176, Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert.—Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood.—32, Besson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCree.—3 Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road. 8.30.
Jabez Burns.—Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior.—Working Men's Co. Tn., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior.—Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
William Tewsley.—Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth

WEDNESDAY.

Citizen.—Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey.—Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream.—St. James's-sq. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd.—Ebenezer Ch. Schs., Hornsey Rise, North End-road.
Harringay.—Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
Joseph Payne.—Christ Church Sch., Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Currey.—Sydney Hall, Bridge-st., Holborn.
New Clapham Excelsior.—Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential.—The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (nr. Kennington Gate).
The Mint.—Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace.—Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London.—Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garibaldi.—Paradise-road School, Clapham-road.
Gresham.—Coffee Tavern, Longhborough Park, Brixton.
Heart's Content.—63, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
James McCurrey.—Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch.—Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston.—42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park.—Prim. Meth. School, Gravshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street.—Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton.—Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity.—Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
West London Pioneer.—Royal Standard Coffee Tavern, Beer-street, Edgware-road.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy.—Camden Hall, King-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen.—Mail Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Grosvenor.—Teetotal Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham.—Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Fields of Lyddeton.—Mill School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London.—Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.
Thomas Carlyle.—Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone.—Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorneloe.—Grey's Hall, Blackfriars. 8.15.
G. W. Johnson.—Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell.—Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st. Islington
Mile End.—German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park.—Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stowell's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale.—Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star.—Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex.—Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park.—Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle.—High-street Town Mission Room.
LEEDS.—British Rose.—Temperance Hall, (back Adelphi-st.),
RADCLIFFE.—Radcliffe.—G. T. Hall, Green-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richborough Castle.—Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff.—Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam.—Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model.—St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham.—Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge.—G. T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford.—Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
FOLKESTONE.—Cæsar's Camp.—Cong. Schools, Tontine-street.
FOOTS GRAY.—Bay Bees.—National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope.—Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy.—Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon.—Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HULL.—Paragon.—G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. Juv. Temp. 6.
LEICESTER.—Leicester.—Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge.—Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett.—26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan.—Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace.—Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.).—Ryde.—Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron.—Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own.—Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brightelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon.—Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook.—National School-room.
GODALMING.—Friends.—Congregational School-room.
HULL.—Always Active.—Lower Union-street Club-room.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum.—British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards.—Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer.—Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton.—Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson.—Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street.—Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont.—Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star.—Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel.—Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
HULL.—Union.—Templars' Hall, Posterngate. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull.—G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum.—Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel.—Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City.—Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance.—Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Sun Harbour.—Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlsehead.
SPALDING.—Head in Hand.—Temperance Hall, 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.

FRIDAY.

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope.—Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard.—Lewes Rd., Congl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star.—Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall.—Congregational School. 7.30.
FOLKESTONE.—Safeguard of Folkestone.—Congregational School.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford.—Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort.—Club Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome.—Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sore Refuge.—Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford.—Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew.—Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth.—Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
WINCHESTER.—Itchen Valley.—St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
YORK.—Harbour of Friendship.—Lendal School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow.—Temp. Hall, Greengate.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue.—Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
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CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock.—G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

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SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross.—77, Calle de las Piedras.—Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer.—Caste Gaarani, No. 19.—Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Imperial Parliament re-assembled after the Easter recess on Monday last.

MAY 3.—CLUBS AND THE EXCISE REVENUE.

Mr. AGG-GARDNER (for Sir E. Lechmere) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether, looking to the falling off of the revenue arising from the excise, he would place political and private clubs upon the same footing, in reference to the excise, as public-houses.

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER said the falling off in the excise revenue had arisen from a smaller consumption of alcoholic drinks, and not from the slight decrease which had taken place in the issue of licences. The putting on of additional licences, whatever other effect it might have, would not tend to increase the consumption of alcoholic drinks, and would not increase the revenue.

MAY 5.—SIR JOSEPH PEASE'S BILL.

On the motion by Sir Joseph Pease that the House should go into Committee on this bill,

Mr. Addison (Con., Ashton-under-Lyne) moved —"That it be an instruction to the said Committee to extend the provisions of the said bill to all houses, shops, and buildings, or any part thereof, occupied or used by any club, society, or association in which intoxicating liquors are sold or supplied to the members of the said club, society, or association for consumption in the said house, or shop, or building, or any part thereof." He contended that his motion would have the effect of showing that there was not one law for the rich and another for the poor. If they affirmed the principle of Sunday closing it ought to be affirmed fairly all round.

Sir R. Temple (Con., Eversham) seconded the motion.

Sir Joseph Pease promised that if the bill were allowed to go into Committee, he would immediately move that progress should be reported. He asked his hon. friend (Mr. Addison) to content himself with the speech he had made, and not to press his motion.

The motion was negatived without a division.

The House then went into Committee on the bill, when progress was immediately reported, on the motion of Sir J. Pease.

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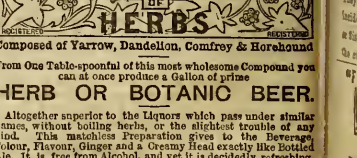

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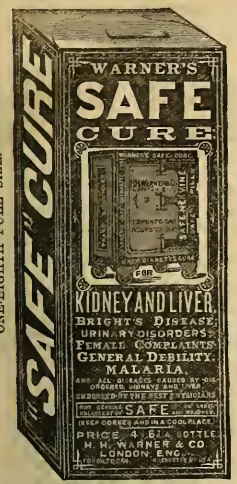

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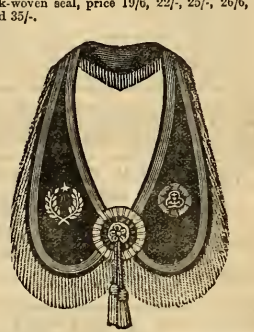

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THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

I.O.G.T.

PRINCIPLES.—Total abstinence, by life-long pledges, and the absolute prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors.

POLICY.—Broad, allowing Lodges to act according to locality, time, and circumstances.

BASIS.—Non-beneficiary, the object being to do good, rather than receive benefit.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.—A small Entrance Fee and Quarterly Subscription.

ELIGIBILITY.—Both sexes are admitted and are eligible for office.

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NOT HIS BUSINESS!

A STORY WITH A MORAL FOR "MODERATION" CHRISTIANS.

BY LAWRIE LOAING.

"Good morning, colonel! Just the man I wish to see!

"Say on, Lloyd. We've seven minutes before the train is due. You can condense much into that period of time."

"I'd like you to head a paper I have here, Colonel Bond. We wish to get up a course of Temperance lectures, and with your help we are sure to make the thing a success."

Lloyd Thomas, in his eagerness to carry out his pet plan, failed to notice the coolness creeping over the face of the colonel, the straightening of the already erect form, the haughty poise of the proud head. But when the paper was finally drawn from his pocket, and he was handing it to the colonel, he felt, as well as saw, the change.

"No use," said Colonel Bond, coolly, "I don't meddle with such affairs. That is the proper work for you Christian Association men."

"That may be true. We will do all the work, but we want your influence thrown in."

"And my money, too, I suppose," was the sarcastic response.

"We hope to get the public sufficiently interested so that they will take tickets enough to pay expenses. If not our association is pledged to meet all deficiencies. But we hoped you would favour the idea."

"I never favour any fanatical ideas. I carry too cool a head on these shoulders. The hue and cry which you reformers make about the Temperance question is for all effect. A man with a grain of common-sense, or a particle of will about him, can drink a glass of wine or let it alone, just as he pleases. But a senseless drunkard will drink, and all the powers of earth and Heaven combined can't stop him. That is about the length and breadth of the whole subject. Now if you enjoy spending your strength for nothing, I shall not object; but don't count on my help. I'll give as much as any man in town—yes, double the amount of any other man—for a regular course of lectures. But I let this question alone. It's none of my business," and the colonel turned abruptly away.

As Lloyd Thomas sprang on board the train, which slowed up at that moment, his head was poised well-nigh as proudly as the colonel's. He really felt indignant at the snubbing he had received; and urged on by his hot young blood, he resolved that he would never ask a favour of Colonel Bond again. But he had cooled somewhat before he reached the City; and he realised as he had never done before, that those who succeed, especially in an unpopular cause, must labour patiently on in the face of much opposition, and, what is often hardest of all to bear, cool indifference.

Lloyd was a clerk in the City, yet he preferred to live in his own home in the country; so he took this trip daily. He often met the colonel, but something in his manner prevented Lloyd from asking his aid again. One and another of the committee attempted at various times to enlist his sympathy, but his answer invariably was:

"Not my business, gentlemen."

A few weeks after Lloyd's conversation with Colonel Bond, he reached the depôt one morning, just as a handsome carriage and span drove up. The coloured driver sprang down and opened the door with a flourish. Colonel Bond stepped out first, then a daintily-clad little girl—his daughter Florence. Last, a dark, handsome boy, a year or two older—the colonel's own son, every feature and gesture plainly proclaimed, but a wide-awake boy for all that. Spying Lloyd he called out:

"Going to Silver Lake, Lloyd? I'm in ——"

"Richard!" interrupted his father, in a tone of surprise, "do you permit ladies to carry wraps and satchels?"

"Oh, I forgot! Excuse me, Flossy, I'll take those," and with almost the ease and grace of his father, he relieved his sister of a small satchel and an elegant wrap, then led the way to the ladies' room, and found her a comfortable seat.

"Thank you, Dick. Now you can find Lloyd if you wish, but come back soon, please."

"Yes, in half a minute," and he rushed away, while the colonel lingered near his pet and darling, as every word and look clearly indicated.

Florence, or Flossy Bond, as her friends lovingly called her, had a face not perfect in outline, but rare for its winning sweetness. It told plainly that petting had not spoilt her.

The most noticeable thing about Flossy was her luxuriant golden hair, which rippled over her shoulders, and fell below her waist. Her dress, a soft grey, with pale blue trimmings, was all that wealth and exquisite taste could make it. There was that delicate finish to everything, which at once charms and satisfies the eye.

Colonel Bond, apparently, was fully aware of all this feminine perfection, even though so soldierly in his bearing. His eyes scarcely left his child for a moment. But while Flossy was his darling, Dick was his pride. And one could hardly blame the colonel, after seeing the boy as he came hurrying to his sister's side.

"Lloyd can't get off!" were his first words. "Too bad, isn't it?"

"Well, Dick, you must not expect to play all your life," said his father, before Flossy could speak. "I believe in work—good, solid work. Your time will come by-and-bye." This last was said with a smile, which did much to soften the colonel's rather stern face.

"I'll be ready, father. I am going to West Point, and they have to work very hard there, everybody says."

"Well, play while you play. I've no serious fears that my boy will shirk. And be sure that you attend to Flossy to-day, Richard, I put her in your care remember. There's the whistle. Good-bye Flossy. Papa'll be glad to see you both home again."

He saw them both on board the train, then raised his hat to Flossy as deferentially as though she were a grown-up lady. The colonel had governed his children wisely—wisely for the world—not after the popular fashion of the day. His daily example was worth a thousand times more than all the precepts in the world. True there were one or two serious flaws in his character, but thus far they had not affected his dearest treasures.

He did not condemn wine, or any of the choice liquors. Yet they did not adorn (?) his table. He had a natural distaste for such things. He could hardly have become a drunkard had he wished. Hence his want of sympathy for all those who were constituted differently.

It was with light, happy hearts that Flossy and Dick, with their many young friends, started on the excursion to a charming lake 25 miles distant, and the colonel had no foreboding of danger as he bade them good-bye.

But as Lloyd was returning from the City that night there were rumours of an accident before he reached his own station. His train had stopped to let the excursion train pass, but a telegram had just arrived, saying that there had been a collision 20 miles beyond. An engineer had forgotten orders, and had recklessly run his train on the track of the returning excursion train. It was only five miles from Lloyd's home to that station, and he was soon standing with the anxious crowd gathered at the depôt.

Colonel Bond's white, stern face was the first he saw as he stepped from the cars. He was consulting the station-master. Soon a message was sent over the wire asking the superintendent for an extra engine. He would give hundreds of dollars for its use.

"No," was the short yet decisive answer which flashed back.

Was he, Colonel Bond, to be refused in this peremptory fashion?

"I will give a thousand dollars for the engine," was his next message. Surely the money which had always procured the heart's desire of each member of his family would enable him now to reach his precious children.

"The only train we have at command has already gone with surgeons," was the answer which the Colonel read with a face visibly paling. Surgeons? Ah! He knew from his army experience only too well what their duties were. He shuddered to think that, even then, his Flossy's tender delicate limbs might be under the cruel knife; or his brave Richard be shorn of his noble strength. Oh, was there no way he could reach his darlings?

Anxiously he passed the station to and fro. He had hitherto always compelled circumstances to yield to him, now they compelled him to wait where each moment seemed like days of exquisite torture.

After an hour of such waiting, an hour which seemed to hold years of anguish in each of its slow passing minutes, the train arrived. Colonel Bond was the first to step aboard. He passed quickly from car to car. In the last car he found his once handsome boy—his brave Richard. But it was a mangled, almost lifeless, body which he bent over, Dick was unconscious—utterly unable to answer his father's scarcely articulate question:

"Is Flossy alive?"

"Flossy is in the tender with the other dead bodies." It was the conductor who answered him.

The Colonel staggered forward. He knelt beside his dead child. She looked, if anything, more lovely than when her father's eyes last rested on the sweet face. Her death must have been instantaneous. A ghastly wound on the back of her head shewed that it was caused by an injury to the brain. The dear face was untouched. Her father felt thankful for that—if thankfulness for anything could fill the parent's heart in such an awful hour.

She lay as if asleep. One hand was raised and partially hidden by the wealth of golden hair. Alas! it was hardly golden now, dyed, as much of it was, with her heart's blood. The pretty blue eyes were closed for ever. But it seemed to the agonised father as if they must open to his heart's call and smile into his own once more. He tenderly raised

a lock of the beautiful hair. Would it never again form a halo about the living face of his little daughter.

As the Colonel took the precious remains in his arms—he would permit no one to touch his darling—he tottered beneath the light weight. Could she be dead—the child who had left him only a few short hours before in all her budding loveliness.

His Flossy killed like the child of any poor man! The Colonel was dazed. Both his children taken from him in one day! For ere they could remove Dick to his father's carriage his fluttering breath had ceased. How could he take these lifeless bodies, in place of the joyous living children, home to their fond, waiting mother? How could he? Yet he must.

The Colonel's princely dwelling was the saddest in all that village. In many a home one light had gone out; in some two; but no other parents sat down in such utter darkness. They were childless.

All that love could do for the dead was done by Colonel Bond and his almost heartbroken wife. But the bodies must be laid away. They were dead—dead! They could not be retained, even to soften the gloomy splendour of that proud home. Colonel Bond could not control death—could not, even with his invincible will, withheld from the grave.

But when he was once more master of himself, he bent all the energies of his resolute, indignant spirit to the investigation of the sad affair.

He was a large stockholder in that road, and a person of commanding influence. He felt that he had a right to know, if it were possible to know, the truth. And what did he learn was the cause of the fearful accident? What had cast a gloom over so many homes.

A bottle of whisky!

A railway employé, forty or fifty miles away, had been intoxicated. He had forgotten or neglected orders, and the terrible accident was the result; as, probably, in many other instances, similar results could be traced to similar causes.

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The association of which Lloyd Thomas was a member had arranged for five lectures, and partially so for a sixth. They wanted a big gun fired, as Lloyd expressed it, the last night, and they were not quite so sure of success as they wished to be to warrant so large an expenditure of money. One lecture had been given, but the night was stormy and there was not a crowded house.

On the night of the second many were surprised to see Colonel Bond and his wife enter. The lecture was a good one. The next morning he met Lloyd and at once introduced the subject of the lecture.

"That was a clear and conviocing argument last night. Think I never saw anything plainer than the errors of the licence system, as he presented them. And he touched a vital point when he said that the ease with which men could procure liquor now was a fruitful source of accidents and crimes." Here a tremor crept into the Colonel's voice. But soon he went on, steadily, "How many lectures have you arranged for, Lloyd?"

"We want six, but are hesitating over the last. The fact is, Colonel, we want a big gun, and can hardly afford it."

"What shall you be obliged to pay for the biggest gun you can fire?"

"One hundred dollars," answered Lloyd, promptly.

"That all? You may command me for that amount at any moment. And if you can find twice as large a gun, I'll pay twice that amount for a seventh lecture. I was willing to give a thousand for the use of an engine to take me to my dying children. Had I given the thousand, years before, disseminating Temperance truths and principles, had I done what I could do to help enforce existing laws, or enact better ones, my home might not be desolate now. My eyes have been opened, I never mean to shut them again till this evil is abated. I shall see what one man can do towards stemming the tide of liquor which is flooding our land. And you may report to your association, Lloyd, that there will be a thousand dollars placed in the bank at its disposal."

"Thank you, Colonel Bond," said Lloyd warmly. "I'm sure they will all appreciate the money. We have been constantly hampered for want of funds."

"Spend this wisely, and there'll be more when it is gone," were the Colonel's last words.

A remarkable impetus was given to the Temperance movement in that town when Colonel Bond joined the ranks of the reformers. He made it his business now to aid by precept, example, and a liberal use of money.

After two years of dreary loneliness, God, in his loving kindness, sent another son to cheer the hearts of Colonel Bond and his wife. He did not come with the dark rich beauty of Richard; rather with the winning sweetness of Florence. But the parents were well content. Their home would once more echo to the merry voice of childhood.

This tiny gift did what their great loss had never done; it drew them to the loving heart of God. They could now see His hand in the deep sorrow, as well as the new joy. And when, a few years later, a dark-eyed little daughter came, they felt that their cup was again running over.

Did the Colonel think now it was none of his business whether his children received thorough instruction on the Temperance question, or not? By no means.

His little Fred was scarcely four when he joined the children's Temperance organisation—an organisation founded and earnestly supported by the still wide-awake Colonel. And it was a proud day for Master Fred when he led his sister Alice to one of the meetings, and helped her print her name.

Let us now see what one strong, earnest man can do to stay or sweep back a tide of evil. At the time of the accident there were seven druggists in the town, and seven times seven places where liquor was sold, either openly or in secret.

Within two years a strict prohibitory law was passed. For want of trade, the druggists gradually dwindled from seven to four—one for each large village—and none of these sold anything that could intoxicate, except when a doctor's prescription was handed them.

The small, pestilential liquor saloons had entirely disappeared. If any still existed their life was lived in profound secret: for woe be to the man detected in unlawful selling. The Colonel hunted him down with the unerring instinct of a bloodhound. He showed no mercy to such. He was determined, so far as his influence went, that the town should be cleansed of the plague.

He made an unalterable law to govern his large manufactory. No man could enter who used any intoxicating drink. But he was an upright employer, and dealt fairly by all who obeyed this rule.

However good the workman, if he took even a social glass now and then, "No Admittance" was over the door for him. As there was steady work and sure pay with the observance of this rule, it soon became a strong motive to urge men on to strict Temperance habits.

One thing more Colonel Bond had never lost sight of; he had determined never to give up the contest until the railroad officials passed a law which should effectually prevent any place of trust and responsibility on that road being given to one not strictly temperate.

Here he met with some opposition and more indifference. But he never wavered, and at last, by the blessing of God, his measure was carried.

If every voter should make it his business as thoroughly as Colonel Bond did, after his eyes were open to the dangers threatening our homes, how long, think you, would it take to rid our land of this curse?

"And when you give the P.W.C.T. a bob you can take your seat," so said a W.C.T. last week. The candidate looked as if he thought us an expensive society, and the officer in question a lucky dog.—*N.S. W. Good Templar.*

BRANDY FROM SAWDUST.—We are sorry to learn, says an American paper, that a German chemist has succeeded in making a first-rate brandy out of sawdust. We are a friend of the Temperance movement, and we want it to succeed; but what chance will it have when a man can take a rip saw and go out and get drunk with a fence rail? What is the use of a Prohibitory Liquor Law if a man is able to make brandy smashes out of the shingles on his roof, or if he can get *delirium tremens* by drinking the legs of his kitchen chairs? You may shut an inebriate out of a gin shop and keep him away from taverns, but if he can become uproarious on boiled sawdust and dessicated window sills, any efforts at reform must necessarily be a failure. It will be wise, therefore, if Temperance societies will butcher the German chemist before he gets any further.

FOOD ADULTERATION.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homeopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." CADBURY'S COCOA is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[ADVT.]

REPORT OF G.L. NEGRO MISSION COMMITTEE.

[NOTE.—This is simply a committee for raising funds, and is quite distinct from the Committee of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge (International) which alone conducts the operations of the Missionary work of the Order in America.]

To the G.L. of England, Newport, Mon., Easter, 1886.

G.W.C.T., OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

Our report this year is not, we fear, particularly cheerful, although perhaps less discouraging than might have been feared in these times of commercial depression.

As will be seen by the balance-sheet, the net receipts amounted to £38 less than last year. There has, in fact, been a falling off in our receipts to the extent of about £54—viz.: from Lodges £20; from personal subscribers, £9 and from no bazaar being held, £25. But to set against this reduction of income, the working expenses have been reduced by about £15 (by holding no meetings of our committee, £10; and £5 by less postage and printing, &c.), so that the net decrease is reduced to something under £40.

Last year's report shewed 191 Lodges contributing. The past year only shews 153—a decrease of 38 Lodges. The number of Juvenile Temples contributing keeps nearly the same as before, namely, 66.

The District in which most Lodges contribute in proportion to the number of working Lodges in the District is little *Huntingdonshire*, where two Lodges out of their five subscribe. Our next best District is Norfolk—five Lodges out of 14 subscribing. Leicestershire comes third, and thanks to the earnest help of Sister RIXON, D.V.T., 11 Lodges out of 32 have subscribed this year, the District Lodge also contributing.

Then follows the Isle of Wight with four Lodges giving out of 12, but following close upon it are the Districts of Surrey West Kent East, Cumberland West Sussex Kent Mid. Essex, and Yorks S.W.

The Lodge sending the largest amount is the White Rose of York (Yorks, N.) The District sending most is West Surrey, where six Lodges have sent £2 12s. 8d. (See table appended.)

On behalf of the Mission we warmly thank all who during the year have helped with their money, or with their gifts of illustrated Temperance literature, or by sending on their weekly copies of the WATCHWORD to some far away brother or sister in America.

It should be noted that the Mission Committee of the R.W.G. Lodge continues to supply the *Temperance Brotherhood* (the American organ of our R.W.G. Lodge of the World, published at Boston, Massachusetts), to all annual subscribers of 10s. and upwards. This paper can also be had from Sister Impey, post free, for a year, for 1s. 6d.

The fact that most seriously presses upon our attention is that about *fourteen hundred of our Lodges habitually do* NOTHING *to help the Negro Mission!* If these 1,400 non-contributing Lodges would give but one shilling each per year, it would at once add £70 to our income.

We believe the causes which prevent this help from being given could be removed with comparatively little trouble if a few members, such as those attending our Grand Lodge to-day, would be willing to speak a good word for the Mission when the appeal is read in their Lodge.

May we not remind you, and all who may read this report, that our Negro Mission is *not a thing to be ashamed of.* Year after year our Order is trying to befriend the men and women who are being grievously wronged and despised by others.

We have tried to let it be known—and it is known and felt in America—that English Good Templars hold it a *sin* to turn men and women away from such an Order as theirs because they happen to be of a different colour or race from themselves, or because they are more "backward in civilisation." We believe it is God's will that we should befriend these unfortunates—these outcasts—and frankly own them before all men as our brothers and our sisters.

The Mission work halts at times we know (though more often from lack of funds than any other reason), but bit by bit it presses on with its friendly aid and message of love and fellowship.

After the long pause during which the R.W.G. Lodge Committee has been husbanding its funds, there seems fair prospect of good work being done this autumn, both by further organising Lodges among the coloured people in the South, and by carrying out the long talked of deputation to the

people of New England, &c., in the North, in which Bros. Lane and Artrell propose to unite.

The condition of the coloured people varies greatly in different parts. In some parts the ground is good and the new planted Lodges grow and flourish; but far more often the people whom we "mission" are so destitute of education and of all social influence that they cannot for long bear up against the countless difficulties from within and without which beset every Good Templar Lodge—especially perhaps those in country districts.

We think perhaps the reason why *many* of our Lodges fail to support so worthy an object is this, that the only appeal that reaches them is in the shape of a *printed circular*, and circulars even at the best are apt to be a little stiff and dull. Sometimes, too, even a good L.D. is not the most interesting of readers, and of those who are, many lack interest in this subject, or think their Lodge has already been overdone with appeals for help and so fail to read our circular at all, and thus the Lodge is cut off from us entirely.

Perhaps if they thought of the pains that is taken to get up these appeals—the cost (about 3d. per packet) of printing and postage—the long days of labour in folding, addressing, and sending them out—they would, out of very sympathy for our willing and unpaid workers, at least think twice before throwing the papers in the waste basket.

Brothers and Sisters of the Grand Lodge, we appeal to you to help us to awaken a nobler and better feeling towards the Mission than as yet prevails. We appeal to each one present who feels that he or she could and perhaps ought to be doing something to forward the Mission—either by speech or by gifts, or in some other practical way—to send their names to our secretary, who will gladly furnish them with suggestions of how they may do good service to this much needed Mission.

Submitted in Faith, Hope, and Charity,

(Signed)

(Rev.) James Mackenzie (*President*).
(Rev.) Hugh J. Boyd.
Anna M. Green.
John Glaisyer (*Treasurer*).
Lizzie Osborn, Cath. Impey, } (*Secretaries*).

BALANCE SHEET OF G.L. NEGRO MISSION COMMITTEE.

February 28, 1885, to February 1, 1886.

RECEIVED.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
From 153 Lodges and 1 D.L.	54	10	11
„ 66 Juvenile Temples...	26	13	10½
„ Personal Subscribers	111	10	6
„ Sale of sundry articles	1	9	9
	£194	5	0½

PAID.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
For presentation books ...	2	19	3			
G.L. for printing and postage 1885 circulars to Lodges, &c.	18	2	6			
For Printing circulars to subscribers	1	12	2			
" Postage, per Sec. (Sister Osborn)	5	11	8			
" Stationery, carriage, and railway fares	2	0	2			
" Hired assistance	1	0	0			
				31	5	9
To Treasurer of R.W.G.L. (being amonnt of net gain to the Mission Fund)				162	19	3½
				£194	5	0½

Bible Temperance Lectures.—On Monday evening last an interesting and instructive lecture was delivered under the auspices of the City of London Total Abstainers' Union, in the Lecture Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. the Rev. John Pyper, of Belfast, entitled "Bible Texts and Temperance Teaching. The Rev. E. Collett presided, and the lecturer gave clear and conclusive replies to a variety of questions asked by members of the audience after the lecture.

The May Meetings.—Friends visiting London may find excellent day accommodation at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C. Luncheons, teas, &c., at moderate tariff. Country subscriptions 10s. 6d. per annum. Reading and writing-rooms, &c.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

May 11.—Durham Sunday Closing Bill.

The Bishop of Durham, in rising to move the second reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill, explained that its object was to close the public-houses in the County of Durham all day on Sunday to all, except their very old and very prevalent friend, the *bonâ-fide* traveller. The measure had not been before their lordships' house before, but it came now recommended by a preponderating majority in the other house—a majority of two to one. It involved no new principle and no new experiment. Sunday closing Acts were familiar to the Legislatures of other countries as well as of our own colonies. They had had experience of them far nearer home. Scotland had for many years past reaped the advantage of such a measure; still more recently measures had been passed affecting Ireland and Wales, which last in all such matters was as much a part of England as the County of Durham. Nor, indeed, was the number of persons affected by the Bill so very different. The population of Durham at the last census amounted to two-thirds of the population of the whole principality of Wales, and probably it was increasing in a greater ratio. Wherever Sunday closing had been tried before the results had been good, and no community which had once had the benefits of such a measure had felt disposed to hark back or undo what it had done. To those who were sceptical about the effect of legislation in such matters, he would say look at Norway. A generation ago travellers reported of Norway as a people of inebriates. You might now travel there for weeks together without seeing the slightest signs of intoxication. This result had been effected, he would not say entirely, but very largely, by legislation, and by legislation was included not only a Sunday closing but also a festival closing measure. It was not wise to legislate in such matters in advance of public opinion, and he could well assure their lordships that the present measure was approved in the locality and by the classes whom it would chiefly affect. That evening he had presented no fewer than 98 petitions from divers bodies—some official bodies, others representative of different religious communities, others advocates of the Temperance movement of different branches, others emanating from public meetings in the great towns and in the villages of the county. But these, after all, were only the efforescence of a movement as it was initiated three years ago. At that time the measure was first brought before the House of Commons, and it passed the second reading by an enormous majority; but somehow it foundered in the quicksand of obstruction. Public meetings were held in 153 towns or parishes throughout the diocese, and those meetings were reported to be practically unanimous on the subject. These towns and parishes comprised the whole of the County of Durham which had not been canvassed in another way. Then, again, a house canvass was undertaken in 25 different centres throughout the diocese, and of the voting papers returned 60,000 were in favour of Sunday closing; only 2,440 against it, and 2,144 neutral. There were petitions from every board of guardians througout the county and from every corporation but one in its favour. There was another test. When the motion the other day was before the Commons it was approved by not less than 15 of the 16 representatives of the county. The remaining one, the member for the city of Durham, had since found himself in conflict with some of his strongest and most influential supporters on that very ground. These were very striking facts, and, so far as his own observations went, no one measure since he had been connected with the County of Durham had drawn to itself in the same degree persons of all opinions. It united all religious Churches and sects—Churchmen and Roman Catholics, Nonconformists, Sabbatarians, and non-Sabbatarians. It enlisted both political parties—Liberal and Conservative; it united all adherents of Temperance legislation, the advocates and opponents of Local Option alike, abstainers and non-abstainers equally. But there was one remarkable fact; it was essentially a working man's measure. The tide of opinion was strongest in its favour just in those neighbourhoods which were inhabited chiefly by the working and poorer classes. In the city of Durham, for instance, in the household canvass, the proportion in favour of the Bill throughout the city was, if he remembered rightly, as seven to one; but in some of the worst parishes where the poorest people dwelt it was in one as 14 to 1, and in another as 16 to 1. It was urged that it was ungracious in those who had their club and their well stocked wine-cellars to put this restriction upon their poorer and less-favoured neighbours. That sentiment was highly creditable to the heart, but it altogether lost sight of the practical issues. The working man looked at the question from a wholly different point of view. The climate of Durham, his arduous employment, the atmosphere of the mine, the heat of the iron foundry all predisposed him to the use of stimulants. The Sunday came, he had his time on his hands to go where he would; he had money in his pocket, for he had been paid his wages the evening before. The public-house door was open to him, and it was the only door open to him. Were they surprised if he yielded to the temptation? The workiog man looked upon legislation such as this as a helping hand stretched out to him when he was struggliog in the ways of temptation, and it would be a sorry comfort to him to be told that they were actuated by sentiments of generosity in not stretching out that helping hand, and leaving him to be plunged into the abyss below. This Bill as affecting only a particular locality was condemned by some as piecemeal legislation. Their lordships had already embarked, as he had shewn, upon piecemeal legislation, and the further they went in that direction the less piecemeal their work would be. He would very much sooner that a Bill were introduced affecting the whole kingdom; but half a loaf was better than no bread. There were, no doubt, objections on special grounds to such a measure. There was the difficulty about the frontier, a difficulty which they could not altogether remove; but he felt quite sure that if they passed this measure Northumberland and Yorkshire would follow quickly in the wake of Durham. Movements had been already stirring those counties in this direction and their lordships could stimulate them. Then it was said that the intention of such a measure would be evaded through the clause which excepted the *bonâ fide* traveller, and that it would encourage private drinking. He did not contend that this Bill or any other Bill would reclaim the inebriate, but what he did claim for it was that it would keep the waverers straight, and would remove the initial temptation from many besides. It required a different act to store up drink on Saturday night for consumption on Sunday. It demanded a certain effort to walk three miles out to gratify a propensity. These very things put difficulties in the way. He advocated the measure in all confidence, because he felt sure that he had at his back the very strong, serious, and enthusiastic approval of the working men of Durham. He advocated the Bill in all earnestness because he believed that it would confer a substantial boon on a large class whom during a residence of seven years in Durham he had learned to appreciate iucreasingly for their very sterling qualities. He could not expect that their lordships would feel the same interest in the matter that he did, but he entreated them to hold out a helping hand to the members of a community to whom they themselves, directly or indirectly, were largely indebted for the comforts and necessaries of life—namely, the miners and ironworkers, the artisans, and the shipwrights of Durham. (Cheers.) He begged to move that the Bill be read a second time.

Lord Bramwell, on rising, to move that the Bill be read a second time that day six months, said he did so not without reluctance, on account of his respect for the right rev. prelate who had asked their lorships to read the Bill now. But this Bill seemed to him so wrong, so objectionable, and such an unwarrantable interference, that he felt bound to object to its passing. He assured their lordships that he was by no means insensible to the mischief of excessive drink. Whether £135,000,000 was the exact sum spent in drink he did not know, but even if it were much less than that, it might very well be too much. He believed that drink was to a great extent injurious to health, to thrift, and to economy. He was aware of all that, and did not seek to disguise it, but he was bound to say there was a very great deal of exaggeration on the subject. It was said that all Durham was very much in favour of the Bill. That statement made him wonder if there were two Durhams, for he would now, as he had not an opportunity before, present to their larships a petition signed by upwards of 60,000 people living in the county of

Durham. That petition would shew their lordships that the recital in the preamble of the Bill to the effect that the people of Durham desired it was not quite accurate. In the memorial which had been presented to their lordships there were some remarkable statements. It was said that there was a strong and special anxiety for the passing of the Bill for Durham, as drunkenness existed to an alarming extent among the rural population. How then were signatures obtained to those petitions? The only way of accounting for that was that people signed the petitions in order to be kept from temptation. It was also said that many publicans signed the petitions in favour of the Bill, but what was there to prevent them shutting up their shops if they wished to do so? He admitted that it was possible that the majority of the people of Durham would like this Bill to pass, and he admitted that the majority must bind the minority in a matter in which the community must act, but he protested against the majority binding the minority in a matter which was of no concern to the society or community itself. When action was necessary the opinion of the majority must prevail, but when there was not a necessity for action it was simply tyranny in the majority to enforce its views on the minority. The supporters of the Bill might say that it was intended to meet the case of those who drank too much; but how unreasonable was it to debar those who did not drink too much from the enjoyment of a glass of wine or beer merely because others abused their opportunities. It was unreasonable and unwarrantable to interfere with the enjoyment of persons who did no wrong but drank in moderation because others absorbed fermented liquors in excess. He did not believe that the measure would promote sobriety. It was, in the first place, of no use to pass laws with which the conscience of the right-minded public did not go. Then this legislation could easily be evaded. Drink would be taken into homes overnight and would be consumed in private, and the influences which were likely to restrain men from taking too much in public-houses would be altogether absent. That troublesome person, the *bonâ fide* traveller, would still remain, and travel he would in search of drink. (Laughter.) At Swansea the Welsh Sunday Closing Act was in force, and the consequence was that on a Sunday the tramways between Swansea and the Mumbles were crowded with *bonâ fide* travellers to the latter place. Extra trains were also run to the Mumbles, where many of the Swansea people drank so much that they experienced a difficulty in finding their way back to the station. (Laughter.) Another result of this legislation would be the extension of bogus clubs for labouring men. At Cardiff there were more than 60 such clubs. Newcastle, as their lordships knew, was in Northumberland, and Gateshead, with its 50,000 inhabitants on the other side of the River Tyne, was in Durham. If the Bill should become law the people of Gateshead will only have to cross a bridge in order to drink their fill in Northumberland. The measure would thus be one for the encouragement of Newcastle publicans. Why, he should like to know, ought they to shut up the public-houses on Sunday more than on any other day? If it was not wrong to drink a glass of beer on Saturday, why was it wrong to drink one on Sunday? But their lordships ought to bear in mind that the Bill would not only prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, but would make it illegal for the keeper of a public-house to sell a cup of tea or even a glass of plain soda-water. He believed that the measure would not prevent the sale of beer. Its sale would be effected on the sly, and many indictments for perjury against publicans on the one side and policemen on the other would be sure to follow. This legislation was an unwarrantable interference with the liberty of the individual, and led to mischievous evasions of the law, and he hoped that their lordships would not countenance it. (Hear, hear.)

Lord NORTON could not support the second reading of this Bill, nor could he approve the principle underlying it. Legislation of this kind was an attempt to put down the abuse of intoxicating liquors by legislating against their use. Public-houses had their legitimate and necessary uses for refreshment and rest, and should not be closed during hours when they might be so wanted. (Hear.)

The LORD CHANCELLOR said that, having represented the city of Durham in the other House, he thought that he ought to tell their lordships what he had been able to ascertain about the sentiments and views of the county of Durham with regard to this question. He had had considerable means of informing himself upon the subject, even more than his noble friend who had moved the rejection of this Bill. He did not intend to deal exhaustively at that hour with the whole of this subject, because the arguments which had been addressed to their lordships against the Bill were very much those which had been used with regard to previous Bills; and, if he might say so, without disrespect to the noble and learned lord, were the stock arguments of that society which was good enough to instruct them from time to time as to how they were to vote, and of which the noble and learned lord was a distinguished member. He quite admitted that for a long time after he had gone to the city of Durham he had been indisposed to vote for any such legislation as this, as he had always felt that it was not a matter which affected himself or those who were able to live in the same way and provide themselves with refreshments, and that it would be a monstrous thing from one's own views of comfort or morality to vote against the wishes of the class of the community that practically was affected and inconvenienced. But he could say without hesitation that these were the very people who were most eager for this Bill, and he could assure the noble and learned lord that if he had mixed with the working men and talked with them as he had himself he would not have used some of the arguments which he had used to-night. It was true that there was in the County of Durham a great amount of drunkenness, but this was regretted not merely by the Temperance societies, but by the people themselves, and those who had most impressed on him the expediency of this Bill had been men not particularly of the religious class or the extremely respectable class, but men of the working class who felt the strength of the temptation and the difficulty of resisting it, and who knew that when public-house after public-house was open in the street on Sunday they went in and drank in a way in which they never would have done if they had had to provide themselves with drink on Saturday night. The noble and learned lord had spoken of Swansea and the Mumbles, but it did not follow because certain persons went to the Mumbles for the purpose of drink that there should not be Sunday closing. He thought that the noble lord's argument went too far. It was really an argument against having any restriction at all in the hours during which drink was to be sold. (Hear, hear.) It was practically saying that any man had a right not to have his liberty interfered with in the matter of getting drink when he wished. He was afraid, however, that all political parties in this country were committed to the view that it was the legitimate function of Parliament to limit the hours in which intoxicating liquors might be sold. It was impossible now-a-days to argue that it was not so. It was thought to be in the general interests that certain restrictions should be put upon the sale of liquor. There was no new principle in a Bill of this kind; it merely extended the principle which did exist before the certain other hours, and this principle which was here extended was one which had long been recognised. An important question was what public opinion was on this subject in the County of Durham, and how it was to be ascertained? The first and most reasonable mode, was to ascertain the views of those elected to represent the constituency. But it might be said that parties were so evenly balanced that some crotchet would turn the scale. Nothing of the sort was the case in the County of Durham, and mere crotcheteers had no chance of turning the scale. He maintained that it would be rather dangerous for that House to disregard the views of the elected members of a constituency as expressed in the House of Commons and to say that they would go behind those views because they knew better. As against those views, what did the noble lord say? He said that he had presented to-night a very extensive petition. For his own part, he thought that it was perhaps fortunate that the petition had arrived so late and that there had not been any possibility of investigation earlier because a great many petitions which were presented as having a large number of signatures turned out upon investigation to be far less numerously signed. He must respectfully submit to their lordships that no petition should be considered as of importance against the evidence afforded by the views of every member for the constituency except one, and, with one exception, of every corporation. Then his noble friend said that this was piecemeal legislation. He confessed that, for his own part, he had not the same objection to piecemeal legislation as that held by his noble friend. He thought that there might be great advantage in such legislation, because it enabled them to try experiments which, if unsuccessful, did no mischief. They could not go far beyond public opinion in this matter, but in Durham public opinion went as far as this Bill, although that was not the case in every part of England. It was not, therefore, expedient to pass such a Bill for the whole of England, but he hoped that the House would agree to the second reading of the Bill which was now before them. (Hear, hear.)

The MARQUIS OF SALISBURY said he had listened with some interest to the noble and learned lord laying down a doctrine which had been laid down with great emphasis in another speech in another place, that they should defer to the opinion of the representatives of the inhabitants of a particular district. But he was surprised that the noble and learned lord did not observe the flaw in his own argument with regard to this particular Bill. The County of Durham outside the city of Durham had pronounced in favour of the Bill, but the city of Durham through its representative, who had succeeded in unseating the noble and learned lord, had pronounced with equal emphasis against it. Why should the city of Durham be made sober because there were no more cakes and ale in the county? Just as Ulster had a right to be excluded so had Durham city the right to be excluded on this principle from the county. But that was a small matter. He desired to explain in a few words why, if the noble and learned lord opposite went to a division, he should vote with him. It was very interesting no doubt to watch the growth of this particular feeling, which had acted so much on the Legislature of the country. It was impossible to ignore its existence. He did not say that it inspired so much admiration in his mind as apparently it inspired in the minds of many other people. He did not know that it was a perfectly admirable sight to see persons who did not use public-houses shutting them up against those who did. But there was a Nemesis awaiting those who were ready to use the terrors of the law to make their fellow-subjects more virtuous. The effect of this legislation had been to multiply clubs to an enormous extent in various parts of the country—(hear, hear)—and these clubs were becoming more and more of a nuisance, and more and more demoralising and injurious, and the complaints which came from the police and magistrates on this head were becoming every day more imperious in their tone. (Hear, hear.) He fully looked forward as this legislation proceeded to Parliament dealing with the working men's clubs, and when Parliament had to deal with the working men's clubs it would have to deal with the rich men's clubs also, and he should look to see the same unanimity of opinion when it was proposed to close all the rich men's clubs on Sunday. (Laughter and cheers.) Though he felt the practical importance of the matter he confessed he felt himself unable to take his stand on the high platform of theory which the noble and learned lord occupied with so much ability. It was no use to argue on what was consistent with sound principle. He never found that it had the slightest effect on the Legislature. They generally asked themselves as a matter of fact what was the force of public opinion which they had to follow and observe, and undoubtedly those who watched public opinion said that in particular parts of the country that public opinion which looked after the polls had become so powerful that the other House of Parliament could not resist it very long. His own opinion was that to save a part they must give up hoping to save the whole. Nay, all hope of saving the whole had gone long ago, for Scotland, Ireland, and Wales had been given up, and if they were to prevent a general Sunday Closing Bill—a result which he should look upon with anything but satisfaction—they must provide some arrangement by which those who were willing to give a trial to a particular scheme may do so and see how it succeeds. Then the noble and learned lord might say "Why not vote for this Bill?" His answer was that this Bill did not allow them to try it as an experiment. It provided no *locus pœnitentiæ*. This was tried at Swansea, and it led to the Mumbles—(laughter)—and journeys to secret clubs. He ventured to adhere to the opinion that the proper way to deal with this question was to hand it over to local authorities to decide by a majority whether a place should be placed under this particular measure or not, and giving them power to go back if they found the experiment did not answer. He believed that this was especially necessary, because he did not believe in the permanence of this unreasonable movement.

He believed it was merely a temporary craze. It was in the nature of man to try to use the authority of Parliament to force others to become moral or theological according to their own standard. If the learned prelate had lived some centuries ago he would, no doubt, have forced people to sign some article of religion, and he was going now to force people to adopt a particular part of his ethics, which he approved, and compel them to abstain from intoxicating liquors. It was a weakness to which the teachers of religion had always been exposed, but it was not a view which they were able to impress for any length of time on their lay brethren. Though for a time, in view of some great scandal, they might carry the community with them, the public in the long run would cease to follow them. He looked for a revulsion of opinion on this question, and he believed they should leave to men liberty what they should eat and drink, that this excess and paroxysm of paternal legislation would pass by, and therefore he was anxious while willing to give way to public opinion to leave a way of retreat open, and that the local authority in each district should have power to deal with this matter as they thought fit. That, he believed, was the sound solution of the question, and with the view of leaving the ground open for that he should vote with the noble lord. (Hear, hear.)

The EARL of KIMBERLEY said he was not going to trouble the House at any length, but he wished to make one observation on the particular part of the noble marquis' remarks as to leaving it to the local authorities to make regulations. That was what they wished to come to pass under the Local Government Bill, but their great Local Government Bills never did pass. Now the present outlook in political affairs was not particularly calm, and it was somewhat hard that these particular localities should have to wait until this great principle was adopted. He would suggest as a perfectly easy way to meet the difficulty of the noble marquis that they should pass the second reading, and limit the operation of the Bill to three years

Their lordships then divided, when the numbers were—

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OBITUARY.

Bro. Peter Looes.—It is with regret we have to announce the death of Bro. Peter Looes, W.V.T., Southern Star Lodge of Ceylon, who died at Point de Galle, Ceylon, of enteric fever, on April 1, 1886, aged 24, much loved and respected by all who knew him. He was borne to the grave by the members of his Lodge in regalia. The vicar, the Rev. H. Bamford, read the Good Templar service. The Galle Band of Hops and Blue Ribbon societies also attended. As the Lodge is chiefly composed of soldiers, who attended in a good muster, we are requested to note here that they were all brought in front of the commanding officer, Royal Artillery, and cautioned that the General commanding the forces at Ceylon has great objections to Good Templarism, and that they were never again to attend another funeral of any brother in regalia.

Bro. Joseph Osman.—It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Bro. J. Osman, of Lincoln, which occurred after a long and painful illness on Sunday morning, May 2, at the early age of 36, leaving a widow and four children to mourn his loss. On the introduction of the Order into Lincoln he was one of the first to join the Lindum Lodge, and he continued a faithful member of that Lodge to his death, and until prevented by illness was a regular attendant and had served in nearly every office in the Lodge. He was also a very active member of the local division of the "Sons of Temperance," and for a great number of years had filled the office of Grand Scribe of the Lincolnshire division. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the Canwick-road Cemetery, Lincoln, and was attended by large numbers of members of the Lincoln Temperance Society, Sons of Temperance, and Good Templars (the latter in regalia), Bro. Armstrong, W.D.M., and Sister Cunnington, W.D.D.M., representing the Lincolnshire District Lodge, and Bro. F. W. Webb, W.P. (the Sons of Temperance). After the usual service Bro. Stevens, L.D., Lindum Lodge, read the Good Templar service in a very impressive manner.—W.P.A.

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METROPOLITAN.

Camberwell New-road, S.E.—"William Tweedie." April 28. Election of Officers. Bro. Rolfe, P.G.S.J.T., again elected W.C.T.; Sister Howard, W.V.T.; Bro. F. K. Woollacott, W.Sec.; Bro. Gardener, re-elected L.D.; Bro. Hillier, E. Supt. Programme adopted. Bro. Hyde, D.E.S., spoke a few words of encouragement and advice.—May 5. Report of officers. Bro. Gardener, L.D., installed the new officers. Arrangements made to hold public meeting. A brother from Ryde, Isle of Wight, joined on c.c.

Southwark.—"The Mint." May 5. The reports of officers were adopted. A spirited contest for the office of W.C.T., was conducted, resulting in the election of Bro. Samuel Mingeridge. One brother initiated. Tax paid on 64 members. Officers installed by the L.D.

Peckham.—"Peckham." May 7. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. E. Aldridge; W.S., Bro. A. Aldridge; W.V.T., Sister Parsons, jun.; installed by Bro. Hookway, L.D. The D.L. digest was discussed.

Baker-street.—"Alliance of Marylebone." May 3. Good session; one restored. Tax paid on 51 members, shewing net increase for the quarter of 15. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Yeadell; W.V.T., Sister Scott; W.Sec., Sister Brown, re-elected. Programme for the coming quarter was brought up by the committee, and after a few alterations adopted. Invitation to visit a sister Lodge accepted. The choral society is a great success.

South Lambeth road.—"Lambeth Perseverance." May 4. Election of officers. Bro. Spratley, W.C.T. (re-elected); Sister Esther Read, W.V.T.; Sister Gardner, jun., W.S. Visit of Bro. Hyde, D.E.S., who presided and installed the officers. Resolved to have Sunday morning open-air services at Vauxhall Cross. Lodge doing well.

Kingsland.—"Citizen." May 5. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. A. Ward; W.V.T., Sister Palmer; W.Sec., Bro. H. Farthing; good programme adopted; fraternal greetings exchanged with Hastings and Northampton; Bro. Ward, P.D.C.T., spoke of the advantages Good Templary had given him, and urged the membership to a more vigorous action.

Chelsea.—"James McCurrey." May 6. One proposed. Election of officers: Bro. T. W. H. Grigg, W.C.T.; Sister Leeson, W.V.T.; Bro. C. Grigg, W.S. Officers installed by Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D. Good programme for ensuing quarter. Lodge working harmoniously.

Clapham road.—"General Garfield." April 29. Tax paid on 73 members. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. G. Smith; W.V.T., Sister Fisher; W.Sec., Bro. East (re-elected).—May 6. Reports of officers read and adopted; officers installed by Bro. Wyatt, L.D.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." May 7. A strong deputation of the Daughters of Temperance, Chelsea Union, No. 2, attended and gave an excellent entertainment, consisting of songs and recitations by Sisters Main, L. Kimber, Cole, A. McAllister, James, Morris, Pull, Smith, Kirk, McAllister, sen., Herbert, and Hayes. The benefits derived from the society were thoroughly explained by the presiding officer, Sister Main.

Brixton.—"Brixton." April 29. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. F. W. Manning; W.V.T., Sister Cooksley; W.Sec., Bro. L. E. Smith, re-elected. Five initiated during quarter and one admitted by c.c., a gain of one. Attendance of officers good.—May 6. Installation by Bro. Ventris, L.D. Discussion upon Anniversary; special committee appointed for same. One admitted on c.c.

Hackney.—"Homerton's Hope." April 15. Report of D.L. Reps. read and adopted. Programme Committee appointed. Resolution passed in favour of amalgamating Sub-Districts Nos. 6 and 7, and recommending Bro. E. A. Gibson as V.D. for same. Greetings brought from Northampton by a visiting brother. Bro. Cooper re-elected as L.D. Bro. Simmons elected as E. Supt.—April 29. Greetings received per Bro. Simmons, from Dover Templars, also a short account of the Easter manœuvres. Election of officers resulted as follows: W.C.T., Bro. Williams (re-elected); W.V.T., Sister Badham; W.Sec., Bro. Simmons (re-elected). May 6. New programme adopted. Reports shewed members to stand at the close of last quarter, with a balance in hand. Officers installed by Bro. Cooper, L.D.

New Cut.—"George Thornelow." May 1. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Whitehead; W.V.T., Sister Maiden; W. Sec., Bro. Maiden. Programme for next quarter adopted. Bro. Hodges, W.D.S., gave a short address.—May 8. Officers installed by Bro. Reeves, L.D., and the Benjamin Hill Lodge officered the Lodge. Songs were given by Sister West, sen., Sister West, jun., Sister Whitehead, Sister Pembrook, and Bro. Black. WATCHWORDS sold.

Stoke Newington.—"London Trinity."—April 28. One admitted on c.c. Our quarterly social. Very enjoyable evening. Large attendance.—May 5. One admitted on c.c. Election of officers. W.C.T., Bro. B. Redfuess; W.V.T., Sister L. Lumley; W.Sec., Sister C. H. Lumley. Returns shew an increase on the quarter. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Chelsea.—"Margaret McCurrey." April 28. Officers' reports. One initiated.—May 5. Election and installation of officers. Bro. Larking, W.C.T.; Sister Toombs, W.V.T.; Bro. Orris, W.Sec. (re-elected). Installed by Bro. Cummins, W.D.G. Good programme adopted for ensuing quarter. Pleasant session. WATCHWORDS sold.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." April 29. Visit of the Vernon Lodge. W.S. report shewed a membership of 83—an increase of 11 on the quarter. Songs from Sister Collins (2), Rayner, Bros. Knight (2), Shakespere, Bartlett, and Harman; recitation Sister Shakespere, Bro. Chapman, and Bro. Rayner; duet, Bro. and Sister Rayner.—May 6. W.F.S. and W.T. reports adopted. Good programme adopted for the quarter. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. G. Watts; W.V.T., Sister Pattison. Officers installed by Bro. W. Watts, L.D.

South Lambeth-road.—"Lambeth Pioneer."—May 5. Reports and installation of officers. Report of the W.Sec. shewed a decrease of one. Upon the recommendation of the W.Sec. it was decided to hold a conference to which members of the neighbouring Lodges are to be invited, to consider what can be done to increase and retain our membership. Officers were installed by Bro. Hyde, D.E.S., who gave an encouraging address.

Tottenham Court-road.—"Lincoln and Garfield." May 8. Bro. Brown, W.C.T., visit of Bro. S. W. Tysse W.D.Ch. (Beds.), who briefly addressed the members, and of Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D., who gave a short address urging members to earnest work.

Clapton Park.—"Clapton Park." April 30. Night with Carmen; Bro. Ballard recommended for L.D. and Bro. Rawlings for E.S.; after business refreshments provided by Bro. Carmao, V.S.J.T., were handed round and the Lodge was entertained by the members and visitors present; Bro. Countenay, of Olive Branch Lodge, New Zealand, spoke an interest on that country; very pleasant session; WATCHWORDS sold.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." May 4. Election, &c. A number of invites received and accepted: reports of officers encouraging and satisfactory. There was a keen contest for the offices; Bro. Gibbs elected W.C.T., Sister Cass, W.V.T., Bro. Leonard Bro. Deason, W.Sec.; Bro. Le Sage, V.D., installed; reply read from G.W.Sec. acknowledging the Lodge's greetings to G.L. and it was entered on the minutes.

Camden Town.—"Angel of Mercy." April 30. Good session; one initiated; W.D.Ch. of Bedfordshire was present and spoke a few words. The programme being "How we spent our holidays," each member present gave his or her experience, and produced some good lessons as well as amusements; greetings exchanged by volunteer brothers with five military Lodges at Aldershot and Dover.—May 7. Reports of officers shewed an increase of 23 members on the quarter, or more than 50 per cent., our total being 65 in good standing, and good balance in W.T.'s hands; election of officers: Bro. Ward, W.C.T.; Sister Melona, W.V.T., Bro. White, W.Sec., accepted, Invitation to visit five sister Lodges during coming quarter; good attendance; WATCHWORDS on sale.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." May 8. Crowded attendance. Surprise visit of the G.W. Johnson Lodge, E. and M. Surrey. The Lodge resolved to take 2,000 tracts and distribute them from house to house during the coming week. Several candidates proposed, and one initiated, and after a recess, the G.W. Johnson officered and entertained.

New Cross, S.E.—"Albert Bond of Brotherhood." Number of members last quarter, 65; initiated 5; re-admitted 1; total 71. Suspended 3; withdrawn by c.c., 3; leaving in good standing, 65. Number who have attended during the quarter, 59; average attendance each session, 38. The attendance of officers have been very good.

Mitcham.—"Hope of Mitcham." April 6. Degree meeting; the Second Degree was conferred upon nine charter members and the Third Degree upon three applicants by Bro. T. Morland.—April 21. Service of song in aid of the funds by Bro. Webb and his choir. A programme for the quarter was adopted and a WATCHWORD appointed. Bro. Wood presented a regalia box to the Lodge. Number on the books 17, and five candidates awaiting initiation. [Please write only on one side of the paper.]

PROVINCIAL.

WINCHESTER.—"City of Winchester." May 5. Sister Deane, W.C.T., presiding. Programme of ensuing quarter adopted. Returns of last quarter shew an increase of 20 re-initiated, and on c.c. two; 67 in good standing. A valuable book was presented to Bro. Colour-Sergeant Harrison, W.C.T., [Garrison Safe Guard, V. 48, who is about to leave the city. Much regret is felt by losing such a useful member. Bro. Deane made the presentation. Bro. Harrison suitably replied. Bro. Perry, L.D., installed officers.

HYDE.—"Aim at Right." April 21. Bro. S. M. Walford recommended as L.D., and Bro. Stafford, L.E.S. —May 5. Visit of Bro. Gaskroger, V.D., who presided. Bros. Haworth and Fisher of the Gleaner Lodge, Stockport, addressed the Lodge. A pleasant meeting.

EXETER.—"Perseverance." May 3. Election of officers; installed by the L.D. Bro. J. Heris, the W.S., reported for the quarter, as follows:—Initiated, 11; re-admitted, 4; admitted on c.c. 1, making a total of 16; making a net gain to the Lodge of 10; total number of members, 34. The reports of the W.F.S. and W.M. were adopted, when Bro. Warren gave a short address.

HULL.—"Paragon." May 3. Election of officers Bro. R. Whitlock, W.C.T.; Sister S. Knott, W.V.T.; Bro. J. W. Kitching, W.S. Four persons proposed for membership; two initiated. Good attendance. Twenty WATCHWORDS sold weekly.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." May 6. Officers' report read and adopted. Election and installation of officers: W.C.T., Bro. A. E. Stevens; W.V.T., Sister A. Sears; W.Sec., Bro. E. S. Powell. Three initiated.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." May 7. Songs, Sisters West

and Gibbons, Bros. Smith and Chappell; recitations, Sister Boxall and Bros. Powell, jun.; readings, Bros. Le Keux, Booth, and Chewter; address, Bro. Rev. A. E. Green. Three initiated.

STOCKPORT.—"Gleaner." May 3. Officers' reports presented; considered satisfactory. Two admitted on c.c. Bro. Haworth re-elected W.C.T., Bro. Lee W.Sec., and Bro. Ward W.Treas. Lodge working satisfactorily.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Central." May 7. The new officers were installed by the D.C.T., W. J. Glover, assisted by the Rev. W. S. C. Church, H.D., and Bro. R. C. Griffin, P.D.F.S. Amongst other visitors present were the Rev. W. H. Caries, H.D., C. F. Hayes, W.D.S., Bros. A. Walker, V.D., John Powell, C.S., and J. H. Pearce, C.S.

PETERSFIELD.—"Right over Wrong." May 6. Visit of Wardown Lodge, Bivirton, who officered and entertained. One restored and one initiated. Good entertainment, recitations, dialogues, &c. Refreshments provided.

MIDHURST.—"John B. Gough." May 5. Official visit of Bro. Burley, D.C.T., who installed officers. One admitted on c.c. Lodge instituted February 18. Returns showed 26 members without associates. Lodge working well.

BRADFORD.—"Alston." April 19. Bro. Jones, L.D., provided the entertainment, assisted by the members of the Alpacs Lodge and his own Lodge. A most enjoyable evening, and a good attendance of members and friends. —May 3. After the election of officers a social gathering was held in honour of the marriage of Bro. Smith to Sister H. Horner, one of the daughters of our esteemed Bro. John Horner. The bride and bridegroom received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of a large number of members and friends. Mrs. Horner, the worthy mother of the bride, supplied a sumptuous repast, and a very happy and pleasant evening was spent.

EXETER.—"Matthew the Miller." April 22. Visit from the Pride of Exeter Lodge. Coffee and buns provided. Capital evening spent.—April 29. Elected Lodge Deputy and E. Supet., Bro. Warren gave an address on the working of the Order in Cornwall, and Bro. Hooper on the work in Folkestone. Greetings exchanged with the Guiding Star, Truro. Lodge Drilled by the L.D.—May 6. Reports of officers read. Election of officers: Bro. W.C.T., and W.M. re-elected; Bro. Langworthy, jun., elected W.C.T. Installed by Bro. Langworthy, sen., L.D.

LEEDS. — "Nil Desperandum." Congratulations tendered to Bro. Deans, D.C.T. (a member of this Lodge) on his appointment as P.G.W.C.T. Election and installation of officers:—Bro. Green, W.C.T.; Sister Lidster, W.V.T.; and Bro. Hanson, W.S. A brother of Dundee was present and addressed the Lodge.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." April 7. The officers were installed by Bro. Sandford, L.D. Correspondence was read from D.Sec. respecting a Special Grand Lodge Session to be held in Penzance, Cornwall, in July next. The E. Supt., Bro. W. H. Satterford, was instructed to write to L. McIver, Esq., M.P., thanking him for his efforts in behalf of Ex-Detective Williams.

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore." May 8. Interesting address on "Sacramental Wine," by Bro. Hunter, W. Treas., briefly discussed by Bros. Musk, D.E.S., and Bro. H. J. Weatherill; resolved that Programme Committee arrange for resuming the debate on as early a date as possible; one admitted on c.c.; one re-admitted; presentation of handsome box for contributions, by Bro. S. M. Walford, P.W.C.T.

MANCHESTER.—"City." May 6. Officers elected: W.C.T., Bro. R. Langdon; W.V.T, Sister Thumpstone; W. Sec., Bro. G. B. Walker; installed by Bro. R. Hunt, L.D. The W. Secretary's report shewed a membership of 27, and fair attendance.

WEST COWES.—"West Medina." May 6. Election and installation of officers: W.C.T., Bro. W. Noyce; W.V.T., Sister M. Rose; W.S., Bro. F. L. Birch. Reports of committees and officers were read and adopted. They shewed that the Lodge during the past quarter had done a good work, and also that it was in a satisfactory financial condition. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, Bro. W. Mitchell, P.W.C.T., replied. One hundred and six members in good standing returned.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Storge." May 3. The election of officers was as follows: W.C.T., Bro. J. Manning; W.Sec., Bro. H. R. Faulkner. Installed by Bro. J. F. Thorneywork, L.D. Short addresses were delivered by Bros. Thorneywork, L.D.; J. Manning, W.C.T.; J. Powell, C.S.; H. Lovett, E.S.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Mount Pleasant." May 4. Bro. C. F. Hayes was elected W.C.T., Sister Walker, W.V.T.; Bro. W. Searle, W.S. Installed by Bro. Albert Wright, L.D., and George Bone, L.D.

DEVONPORT.—"James Tesre." May 3. Election and installation. W.C.T., Bro. P. Taylor; W.V.T., Sister Hill; W.Sec., Bro. Carter. Installed by Bro. Carter. Fifty members in good standing.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morice Town." May 5. Bro. W. Parkes elected W.C.T.; Sister Thomas, W.V.T.; Bro. W. Parsons, W.Sec. Bro. Rowley, of the Naval Star of Peace Lodge, installed the officers. Fifty-nine members in good standing.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." May 8. Bro. J. G. McLean, W.C.T., presiding. New officers to provide. Good the Order was the programme and the following took part:—Songs by Bro. Keeley; reading, Bro. Taylor; address by Bro. Fish; reading, Bro. Parkes; song, Bro. Burt; reading, Sister Smith. Bro. W. Cann, P.W.D.Co., presided and gave an encouraging address.

AMPTHILL.—"Alameda." April 20. Bro. Mayne recommended as D.L., and Bro. Taylor as L.E.S.—April 27. Coffee supper. Good attendance.—May 4. Election of Officers: W.C.T., Bro. Taylor; W.V.T., Sister Gilbert (re-elected); W.S., Bro. W. Ansell. The secretary reported 52 members in good standing. Officers installed by Bro. Mayne, L.D.—May 6, Public meeting, when the members gave readings, recitations, and dialogues. Bro. S. W. Tyson, W.D.Chap., presided, Good number present.

TRURO.—"Truro Guiding Star." May 6. Bro. Braid, W.S., reported a membership of 68, an increase of three members. The S.J.T. reported a membership of 120, also an increase of three. Bro. H. S. Andrew was elected W.C.T., and Bro. Hole, W.S. The officers were installed by Bro. Ball, L.D.

DONCASTER.—"White Rose." April 28. Recreation committee presented a good programme for next quarter, which was adopted.—May 6. Ten members attended at the New Temperance Hall, to hear an address from Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T. Supper was afterwards served to a large gathering.

ASKAM-IN-FURNESS.—"Lily of Askam." The W.S. reports that the Lodge was re-instituted some 10 weeks ago. "First meeting only 11 present. Lodge now numbers over 50. Two initiated last meeting, six others proposed. Management improved considerably. Good programme for present quarter.

BRISTOL.—"Morning Star." May 7. Election, installation, and reports. Bro. Fred Goadby, W.C.T. A very interesting session. Animated discussion on items of ensuing quarter's programme. We had a good number of visitors from Lodges, and a naval brother was admitted on c.c. from Concord Lodge, Inverness.

HUDDERSFIELD.—"Harmony." April 16. One initiated. Bros. Cocker and Smith recommended as L.D. and E.S.—April 23. Public tea and entertainment provided by Sisters Barraclough, Emmerson, Misses Noble, Oldfield, and Hellawell; Bros. Cocker and Smith, Bro. Firth presiding.—April 30. Postman's night; two proposed. Sister Smith reported a balance of £1 3s. 10d. from proceeds of tea.—May 7. Two initiated. Election of officers. The W.S. reported 117 members in good standing, increase over last quarter. W.T. reported a balance of £5 7s. in hand. Lodge in a flourishing condition.—WATCHWORDS sold.

WHITCHURCH.—"Hope of Whitchurch." May 7. Election and installation of officers. The retiring W.S. reported that there had been an increase of eight members during the past quarter. The Finance Committee reported that the funds were in a healthy condition, Two candidates proposed. New officers: W.C.T., Bro. P. H. Pepper; W.V.T., Sister M. Hall; W.S., Bro. S. Griffiths.

CHRISTCHURCH.—"Hope of Twynham." May 4. Election and installation of officers: Bro. B. C. Harris elected W.C.T.; Sister Tyzard, W.V.T.; Bro. J. Stay, W.S. The secretary's report for the past quarter shewed that 21 had been initiated, and that there was an increase of 19 on the term.

NEW MALDEN.—"Sure Refuge."—April 30. Reports of W.C.T., W.Sec. and W.M. adopted. Total members being 64, a decrease of six; average attendance 27. Eight initiated during quarter. Two candidates proposed. Impromptu speaking—some good subjects drawn and spoken to by Bros. J. C. Woollacott, Wilson, Lavender, &c.—May 7. D.L. digest submitted. Finance Committee's report presented shewing balance in hand of £1 2s. 11d. Election of officers; W.C.T., Bro. Cawley; W.V.T., Sister R. King; W. Sec., Bro. London. A Crystal Palace Fête (club stand); secretary, Bro. Saunders; treasurer, Bro. J. C. Woollacott. Good attendance, 34 present. An excellent programme arranged for new quarter.

SHAFTESBURY.—"Shaftesbury." May 4. The officers' reports were read and adopted. The following officers were elected and afterwards installed by Bro. W. Churchill-Coleman, L.D.: W.C.T., Bro. Wescott; W.V.T., Sister Oram; W.S., Bro. Yates; committees appointed; Bro. Oborne, D.S.J.T., was also present.

GILLINGHAM.—"Pride of the Vale." May 6. Officers elected, and duly installed by Bro. Weare, L.D.: W.C.T., Bro. F. Webb; W.V.T., Sister Rimington; W.S., Bro. A. J. Chubb; good attendance; the Degree of Charity was worked on one candidate by Bro. J. Chnrchill-Coleman, V.D. The Lodge is now in a very fair condition, the increase in memberships during the past quarter being eight.

GOSPORT.—"Forton Star of Hope." Five friends initiated. Election and installation of officers. An interesting presentation was made by Bro. Symonds, P.W.C.T., to Bro. Tibbols, W.D.M., and Bro. Driffield, L.D., for the greatest number of members admitted to the Lodge through their exertions, and also to Bro. Webber, S.J.T., for the able manner in which by his labours a Juvenile Temple had been instituted. All the brothers suitably responded. Bro. Tibbols, on behalf of the Brothers of the Royal Marines, presented the Lodge with an illustrated family Bible.

IPSWICH.—"Pride of Ipswich." February 6. Installation of officers. Eight proposed, five initiated.—February 13. One proposed and six initiated.—February 20. One initiated. Visit of G.L. Sec. and W.C.T., Bro. E. L. Glover, of Wickham Market, congratulated the Lodge upon its greatly improved condition. Programme for the evening (sacred) ably carried out by all present.—February 27. Reports from members attending D.L. session. Programme for the evening: Sisters' surprise, which took the form of some very useful presents to the Lodge, consisting of an additional table for W.P.S., cash, and pen trays, and two coloured stand cloths. A very pleasant evening was concluded with songs and recitations.—March 6. Capital selection of readings, recitations, songs, &c., was given.—March 13. Three admitted on c.c. Visit of members from Pearl of Peace Lodge. A very enjoyable evening.—March 20. Public entertainment given at Temperance hall.—March 27. One initiated; two admitted on c.c. Evening of recitals.—April 3. Ode night, sustained by all present.—April 10. Bro. Wheatley re-admitted, who was one of the founders of the Lodge 14 years ago. Entertained by Bro. P.C.T. McWilliams, of Colchester, with extracts from a lecture on Temperance by Dr. Harrison Brainthwaite.—April 17. Bro. F. Salmon elected L.D. and Bro. E. Wilkin, E.S.—April 24. One initiated and one admitted on c.c. Visit of Bro. Morgan from Walton Cum, Felixstowe, who gave some interesting and personal experiences of his 35 years' total abstinence, also a brother from the London Olive Branch Lodge, who spoke upon the Order in general. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. A. F. Death; W.V.T., Sister E. Read; W.Sec., Bro. C. Leggitt. The membership has an increase of 20 on the quarter, and the general attendance good, as the total number of members and visitors attending the meetings during the quarter of 11 sessions were 523, averaging more than 47 per session. The number on books for capitation tax 73, as against 53 for previous quarter.

RICHMOND (SURREY).—"Star of Richmond Hill." May 10. Installation of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Hemmans; W.S., Bro. Newton. Visit of Peace and Unity and Kew Lodges. Report of officers shewed that the Lodge had progressed.

CARLISLE.—"Beacon of the Border." April 23. Anniversary celebrations. Tea and public entertainment. The Mayor presided, and addresses were also given by Bro. T. Todd and Bro. A. Patterson, sen. A good programme was given, in the course of which the Mayor gave a recitation.

ILFORD.—"Cranbrook." May 10. The 13th anniversary was held in Baptist School-room; about 60 sat down to tea; public meeting after; chair taken by Bro. S. Collins, and addresses given by Bro. Searle, D.C.T., and Bro. A. T. Proud; songs by Mr. Noah Wright; annual report read by Bro. Oliver, W.S., shewing the membership to be one in excess of last year. The Lodge after somewhat drooping is reviving again and on the increase. A well attended and enthusiastic meeting caloulated to do good for the Order.

LEICESTER.—"John William." May 7. Good attendance. One initiated. Tax paid on 90 members, being an increase of one. Election of officers: Bro. Beckwith re-elected W.C.T.; Sister Foster, W.V.T.; Bro. Thrall re-elected W.S. Installed by Bro. Ward. The programme for this quarter is on a new idea. There are 13 other Lodges in the town, and each are down to pay a fraternal visit once during the quarter.

LUTON.—"Pride of the Lea." May 4. Bro. S. W. Tyce presided. One initiated and one admitted on c.c. Election and installation of officers by Bro. F. Stratford L.D.: W.C.T., Bro. J. Scotting; W.V.T., Sister Scotting; W.S., Bro. S. J. Southwood, Jun. Large attendance. Good number of WATCHWORDS sold.

CHERTSEY.—"Crusaders of Chertsey." May 6. One proposed. Election of officers: Bro. W. Williams, W.C.T.; Sister C. North, W.V.T.; Bro. Ashford, W.Sec. The W.Sec.'s report for the past quarter shewed that five members had been initiated, one admitted by c.c., two had been suspended, leaving an increase of four on the quarter. Total membership, 40. The report also shewed that the Lodge had been visited during the quarter by 50 visitors. Programme for the new term was adopted.

SOUTH STOCKTON.—"Scotia." May 5. Good attendance. Bro. R. Skelton, D.C.T., presided. One initiated, and one admitted by c.c. Several proposed; election of officers. The officers' report shewed the Lodge in a good financial position. The D.C.T. installed the officers. This Lodge has a good Juvenile Temple attached, and is doing a good work.

MIDDLESBRO'.—"Daisy." May 2. Election of officers and installation. Reports of officers read and adopted. Bro. Brown, V.D., installed the officers. Several visitors present; amongst them were Sister Iffen, D.V.T., Bros. Taylor, V.T., Benstead, L.D., Dabbs, D.T., and R. Skelton, D.C.T.

MIDDLESBRO'.—"Hope of Middlesbro." May 4. Good attendance; reports read shewing the Lodge in a good financial position and very promising for next quarter. Election of officers; Bro. R. Skelton, D.C.T., installed the officers. A good programme for this quarter.

GRAVESEND.—"Star of Gravesend." May 6. Good session; large attendance; reports of retiring officers very encouraging, an increase on the quarter; tax paid on 149 members; programme for new quarter adopted. Letter received from the Town Council accepting the request of the Lodge to erect a drinking fountain and trough for man and beast, and they propose to place it in front of the Public Hall. Committee reported progress in connection with great local option meeting. S.J.T. reported on the Rising Star Temple, and during the quarter they have made an increase of 25. £1 10s. 6d. was handed in to the Lodge funds, obtained through letting out the Lodge piano. The L.D., in a few chosen remarks, presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a beautiful floral album to Bro. Arnold, who has been secretary for the past five quarters, and who was re-elected for another quarter. New officers installed by L.D.: W.C.T., Bro. Hopkins; W.V.T., Sister Bearfield.

IRELAND.

BELFAST.—"Victoria." May 3. The officers were installed; W.C.T., Bro. Samuel Bailis; W.V.T., Sister M. Gordon; W.S., Bro. George Smyth. An invitation to attend an United Lodge session in Ballyhackamore was accepted.

BALLYMACARRETT.—"W. F. Lalor." May 4. Bro. M. Boyd, L.D., installed the officers: W.C.T., Sister Currie; W.V.T., Sister Milligan; W.S., Bro. Boyd. This Lodge is increasing.

BELFAST.—"James Caithness." May 8. Bro. E. Logan, W.C.T. Special programme in charge of Sisters Gray and Walker; solos by Sisters M'Cluen, Clotworthy, Greer, and Legg; Bros. Donaldson, Baker, Eggey, McIlbern, Carruthers, Stewart, Clugston; recitations, Bros. Dunning, Haveron.

BALLYMACARRETT.—"Advance." May 6. Retiring officers' reports highly satisfactory. Still on the "Advance." The officers were installed by Bro. John Young, S.D.G.W.C.T.; W.C.T. Bro. Alexander George Ellis; W.V.T., Sister Lizzie Adams; W. Sec., Sister Mrs. Ellis.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." May 4. Unusually large attendance. Bro. Colour-Sergeant Harri-

son, W.C.T., presided. One initiated and two received on associate card. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Sergeant Checkley; W.V.T., Sister Light; W.S., Bro. Moody. Bro. Harrison, who is leaving for a staff appointment in the K R R at Carlow, Ireland, feelingly addressed those present, and thanked the members for the kindness and assistance shewn to him since his connection with the Order:

RICHMOND (Yorks).—"Howard's Green." April 15. Sisters officered and entertained, and provided a coffee supper. Sister Beaufort presided.—April 22. Exchange of presents caused much amusement. 2s. 7d. sent to Negro Mission Fund.—April 29. Brothers night. A very pleasant evening was spent. Bro. Hughes presided. —April 26. Easter entertainment in the Town Hall, was a great success. Mr. Conneiller Sheriff in the chair. Temperance play, "Where There's a Will There's a Way," was given by Bros. Ascough, Randall, and Hurcraft, and Sisters Waiten and Smith, who received much applause. Songs by Mr. James Leafe (baritone), Miss Denby (soprano), Master B. Leafe. "Happy Homes," which appeared in Christmas number of WATCHWORD, brought forth rounds of applause. Miss Rans presided at the piano. The hall was well filled.—May 6. Election of officers:—Bro. Mawer, W.V.T., Bro. Ascough; W.S., Bro. Whitell. Reports of officers were read and adopted. The Lodge is now well, 50 members in good standing. WATCHWORDS taken regularly.

COLCHESTER.—"Stronghold of Friendship." April 2. A congratulatory vote passed on the district again winning the challenge shield, and a pledge taken to continue the earnestness that resulted in victory. G.L. digest also discussed.—April 16. A miscellaneous programme successfully carried through.—May 5. Election of officers: Bro. J. R. Osman, W.C.T.; Sister Jones, W.V.T.; Bro. McCullum, W.Sec. Officers installed by D.C.T. (Bro. Jones). Three initiated.

WALES.

LLANORINDOD WELLS. — "Peace and Prosperity." April 27. Election of officers:—W.C.T., Bro. F. C. Thtcher (re-elected); W.V.T., Sister M. A. Bufton; W.Sec., Sister M. Thomas (re-elected).

GWYSTRE.—"Ancient Briton." May 3. Bro. D. Charles Davies, D.C.T., presided, and gave an address. Election of officers:—W.C.T., Sister B. Davies; W.Sec., Bro. B. L. Price(re-elected third time); Bro. Tutcher, W.C.T., Peace and Prosperity Lodge, spoke a few words of encouragement. Fair attendance.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

SUNDERLAND.—"Pride of Ayres Quay." April 5. 270 members present. Seven boys and girls initiated. Songs, recitations and melodies. An interesting address by the Rev. J. S. Rae on the Juvenile pledge, who paid a warm tribute to the officers for the able manner in which the business was done.—April 12. Room crowded. Visit from Bro. Dykes of Tyne Dock, who gave a stirring address on "What a Juvenile Templar should be."—April 19. 350 members present. An interesting magic lantern entertainment was given by the Rev. W. Dryburgh, M.A., who delighted the children with pictures of Scottish and Italian scenery; also the beautiful pictures illustrative of Cruikshank's "Bottle," which were explained in an impressive manner by the exhibitor. Sunday morning services progressing. Large attendances of members, altogether a good work is being done in connection with the Temple which has again recommended Bro. Alexander Campbell as superintendent.

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." April 13. Two initiated. Songs, recitations, &c. Attendance improving.—April 20. Three initiated. Several visitors present. Catechism night by Bro. Carman, V.S.G.T. Very intelligent answers given to our fourfold pledge. A copy of the *Juvenile Templar* given to each member.—April 27. Very pleasant session. The sisters entertained in a very interesting manner. Sister Fisk, A.S.G.T., gave an address.

RATCLIFFE.—"Hope of Ratcliffe." Three initiated. Surprise visit of the Young Crusaders J.T. (Chelsea), who came in strong numbers and entertained. Songs and recitations by Sisters, Malt, Walker, Moyes, Steele, and O'Connor, Ridgwell. Addresses by Bros. Rowe and Howard, S.J.T. An enjoyable session.

NEWPORT.—(Mon.) "Rising Star." April 30. Three initiated. Sister J. Jones, C.T. Visitors present, Bro. Glover, D.S.J.T., Bro. Cape, D.S.J.T., Sister Leach, D.S.J.T., Bros. Eccles, Macrow, Whitmore, Childs, Bowen, Wingfield, Sister Haarnack, Bro. and Sister Stacey Watson. Short addresses by several of the visitors. Pianoforte solo by a sister. Several recitations. A very pleasant session.

WINCHESTER.—"The Hope of the Future," Juvenile Temple (Military), which has been mainly started in the barracks in connection with the Garrison Safeguard Lodge by Bro. Sergeant Checkley, senior assistant schoolmaster, was instituted in the Garrison Schoolroom, on April 27, by Sister Gabb, D.S.J.T. Amongst those present were Bros. Coles, Sergeant Harrison, W.C.T., and Sisters Harrison (three), Hooper, A.Supt. of the Temple, Veale, Brasley, Cooper, and Whitear; Bros. Chickley, Whitear, G. C. Mille, Moody, Hibberd, Brasley, Veale, of the Garrison; Sister Hibberd and Bro. Spearing, accompanist on the harmonium), of the City; Sisters Macklin (Supt. Advance Temple) and Dean, Bros. Parmiter, Buckingham, of the Itchen Valley Lodge, and many others. After the institution, members of the Order having filled the offices *pro tem.*, nearly 30 admissions to membership took place, and after the selection of officers they were duly installed into office; after which the D.Supt. addressed them specially on their duties, and short addresses followed by others.

LIMEHOUSE.—"Hope of Coverdale." April 30. A very pleasant evening; entertainment by brothers. The programme was good and varied, shewing great progress in the members; parents were invited to attend. The members were afterwards favoured by a few words by Bro. Spafford.

BRADFORD.—"Alpaca." April 23. The members of the Temple assembled at the meeting-room at 2.30, and, accompanied by the members of the adult Lodge to the number of about 230, walked in procession through the principal streets of the town, followed by two large vans decorated, and filled with the younger children, the procession being headed by a brass band. On returning to the Lodge-room over 200 sat down to tea. In the evening a very interesting and successful meeting took place, when 47 prizes were distributed to the juveniles for attendance and good conduct. The prizes were distributed by Bro. William Maccabe, W.D.M., Northumberland, who was on his way as Rep. to G.L. Unfortunately, Bro. Maccabe was suffering from a very severe cold, having completely lost his voice, therefore was unable to speak at the meeting. The meeting was enlivened at intervals with songs, duets, and recitations. Bro. Wood presided at the meeting.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior Stepping Stone." April 30. The members supplied with buns and coffee. In the absence of the Superintendent (Bro. R. B. Narracott) through illness, the D.C.T. (Bro. Parr) presided. A capital evening spent.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." April 30. Two proposed. Short address from Supt.

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." May 4. Election of officers; two initiated; good attendance; several visitors. The officers installed by Bro. Carman, P.C.T. Addresses by Bro. Carman, Sisters Fenn and Fisk. Bro. Carman gave report of Temple since March, which was satisfactory. Solos and recitations finished up a very pleasant session.

ROMFORD.—"Alma." May 5. Visit of Bro. Munford, V.S.J.T., who gave an address on "Strong Drink," which was attentively listened to. He also presented prizes to the most regular attenders during the past 12 months, as follows: first prize, W. Tarling; second, P. Turner; third, E. Pegrum. Good attendance; four initiated.

CHELSEA.—"Chelsea." May 7. One initiated. Visit of Bro. T. C. Macrow, V.S.J.T., who gave a short address, and also presented Sister Matkin with a book as a prize for bringing most members during the quarter. officers installed by Bro. T.C. Macrow; good attendance.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." May 5. Four initiated; officers reported, 47 initiated, two treneferred to Sub-Lodge; 166 members, and 34 adults in good standing (increase 24); two public meetings; 554 WATCHWORDS (increase 104); 100 other publications sold in the Lodges, and Temple increasing in work, members, and wealth.

WINCHESTER.—"Hope of the Fnture." May 3. Every member present and a large number of visitors. Fourteen candidates admitted. Bro. Reserved, owing to the low Hooper are the superintendents.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

SOUTH HANTS.—A Council meeting was held on April 17, in St. Andrew's Hall, St. Mary's-road, Southampton, at 3 p.m. Bro. Edward Dyer, D.S.J.T., presided. There was a good attendance of S.J.T.'s, representatives and visitors. The D.S.J.T. referred to the pleasing prospects of a growing District, two Temples having been opened during the past fortnight, viz., the Fitzhugh, of Southampton, and the Rising Sun, of Forton, Gosport, and that, although two or three adult Lodges had ceased to work, thus causing Temples to cease working likewise, there was but a decrease of 22 members on last quarter; but if the two new Temples could be considered in the report there was a material increase. The present membership (without newgTemples) was 1,550; adult members, 147; Temples, 18 (with Freke Temples, 20); and an increase membership of 30. The report was well received, and the D.S.J.T. heartily thanked. The reports of the S.J.T. and D.S.J.T. were of a good and encouraging nature. It was resolved, owing to the low financial state of Council funds, to appeal throughout the District through the S.J.T. to influential friends of the Temperance cause generally for help. A discussion arose upon Mr. Conybeare's Bill for the Protection of Little Children from the Influences of the Drink Traffic, and it was thereupon resolved to petition the House of Commons to pass so good a measure in its entirety. After the afternoon meeting, a good tea was served up, which was followed by a crowded public meeting, presided over by Bro. E. Dyer, D.S.J.T. Children from several of the Temples in Southampton took part. During the afternoon meeting, Bro. Thomas Holmes, D.C.T., of South Hants, was present, and addressed the meeting, as did also Bro. Wright, of Portsmouth, and Bro. Reed. It was decided to hold the next Council meeting at Fitzhugh in July next.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

LEICESTER.—The annual meeting of the Sub-District Convention was held on April 29, in the Friar-lane School-room, Bro. H. Beckwith, Chief Templar, presiding. There was a very large attendance, and great interest was manifested in the various items of business. Bro. Beckwith presented a lengthy and detailed account of the proceedings of the Convention during the past year, shewing a good record of work done in the way of public meetings, private united gatherings of members of the Order for educational purposes, and the discussion of matters of importance. In the 14 adult Lodges in Leicester which comprise the Sub-District, there is now a membership of 946 regularly subscribing, all the Lodges being in a fairly prosperous condition, some having done well during the year. The report dealt with them individually, shewing their relative strength, work, position, &c., and concluded with suggestions and announcements for the coming year. The report of the Treasurer shewed a deficit of £2 14s., but subscriptions were promised sufficient to cover it. The election of officers then took place, most of them being closely contested, in some cases as many as seven members being balloted upon. The result was as follows:—S.D.C.T., Bro. H. Beckwith (unanimously re-elected); S.D.C. Bro. W. Whitehall; S.D.V.T., Sister Whitehall; S.D. Secretary, Bro. R. Tench (re-elected); S.D. Treasurer, Bro. H. Brady; S.D. Ch., Sister Brady; S.D.M., Bro. Kerfoot.

S. E. LANCASHIRE. — No. 4 Convention Degree Temple.—On May 1 the quarterly session was held at Anchor of Peace Lodge-room, Salford. The meeting was opened at 3.45. Among the committees appointed was one on music. Report of Bye-law Committee adopted. Report of deputation to G.W.C.T. and Seal Committee, and of V.S.J.T. (Bro. Sherratt), V.D. (Bro. Gavin), and C.S. (Bro. McMillan) adopted with thanks. Invitations for monthly sessions tendered and accepted from Hope of Salford, Hope of St. Bartholomew, and Sydney Lodges. Second Degree conferred on two, and Third Degree on three, candidates. Bros. Handley, Thompson and McMillan elected trustees. Decided to visit Anchor of Peace Lodge to help in Gospel Temperance Mission. A very profitable and enjoyable session.

GRAVESEND.—April 29, 1886. A united conference of the Lodges in the Gravesend Sub-District was held on April 29. There was a large number of members present from the following Lodges:—Star, Mount Arrarat, Pro Bono, New Link, Friend of Man, Wakeful Christian, Harvest Home, and Siltheat. Bro. S. Thilthorpe, W.D.Co., presided, and addressed the members on several matters of importance to the Order. Long discussion on the improper of singing vulgar songs in the Lodge-room. Decided to have a united Temperance fete about August; committee appointed to carry it out. Proceeds to be devoted to Good Templar Orphanage, Miss Sharman's Home, and Gravesend Hospital. Report from Temperance and Good Templar Campaign Committee on their winter's work; 27 entertainments had been given at an expense of £10 or £12, resulting in 130 pledges. Telegram sent to Grand Lodge congratulating Bro. Malins on his re-election as G.W.C.T. Decided to invite D. Lodge to Gravesend in August. The conference was most harmonious throughout; discussion was very lively, and good must result, and terminated 10.30. Before the conference a special session of District Lodge was held, and the Third Degree conferred on a large number of members, by Bro. S. Thilthorpe, D.C.

G. L. OF MEDITERRANEAN.

MALTA.—"Cedo Nullis." March 4. Visit of Bro. Wright, D.C.T., who expressed his satisfaction of our work, and urged all to keep the wheel in motion. It being pound night tables were laid out with refreshments by Sisters Ashdown and Lyons, after which a very pleasant hour was spent.— March 11. Four initiated, two proposed. It being question night a good number of practical questions on good of the Order were given and fairly well answered.—March 18. Lent Lodge-room to Geneva Cross Lodge for open session and joined in with them.—March 25. Eleven initiated; A report from Bro. A. E. Harris at Gozo, shewed that 23 had joined that branch Lodge in such a short time—viz., three weeks; certificate of membership and vote of thanks sent to Bro. Harris, S.D., for the interest taken on behalf of Lodge; 30 WATCHWORDS sold at evening session.—April 15. Tea and open session very well attended. Ninety-three sat down to tea, and 200 were present at the entertainment. The Rev. A. S. Norfolk again occupied the chair, and gave a pleasant and earnest address, urging our visiting comrades to enlist into the Templar ranks. Piano solos were given by Mrs. Norfolk, Staff-Sergeant and Mrs. Judge; songs by Miss Eckford and Miss M. Eckford, also by Miss Leadbeter and Bros. W. Forrest and E. J. Etheridge; recitations by Bro. Anderson. Bro. Humphreys, G.W.C.T., gave address on the aims of Good Templary, advising the visiting friends to give the Order a trial, this time of all times of the year at Malta, viz., commencement of the hot season. A session was held at the close, and three friends joined the Order and two others were proposed.

MALTA.—"Geneva Cross." March 18. Tea and entertainment; 70 partook of tea and 97 present at meeting afterwards. The Rev. Dr. R. H. Bullock presided and gave a stirring address, congratulating the Good Templars upon the good they were doing on the island. A very select programme was then gone through by friends and members of the Order. The G.W.C.T. was present, and gave sound advice to all wishing to join the Order. We are not up to our original strength, being greatly reduced by transfers and having sent out three new Lodges during past nine months; but still we have 47 left and intend to go in and revive the work. We appreciate the system in which the WATCHWORD is circulated so punctual every Thursday, and we trust that all will urge our young brethren to become subscribers to it, as the good result is already experienced.

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May 25. Annual Meeting of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, at the Cannon-street Hotel. (See advt.)

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THOMAS CASH, Secretary.

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GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE.

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The ANNUAL MEETING of Subscribers and Friends will be held at the ORPHANAGE, on SATURDAY, May 22, to receive the Report and Balance Sheet for past year, elect five members of the Board, and other business. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock. Chair to be taken at 6 o'clock. The grounds of the Institution will be open in the afternoon for the inspection of visitors. Trains leave Waterloo Station for Sunbury at 1.23, 2.17, 2.35, 3.10, 4.10, 5.10. Returning 7.1 and 8.15. Friends of the Orphanage are invited to attend.

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Will be held in the

MEMORIAL HALL (LIBRARY),

FARRINGDON STREET, CITY,

ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1886.

Chair taken at 7.30 p.m. by

SAMUEL MORLEY, ESQ.,

President of the Institution.

Addresses by SIR C. WARREN, G.C.M.G. (Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police), W. S. CAINE, Esq., M.P., HANDEL COSSHAM, Esq., M.P., THOMAS WATSON, Esq., M.P., and the Medical Staff.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1886.

THE FALSE APOSTLE IN THE CHAIR OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

THE Rev. Edward White has advocated some strange views from the presidential chair of the Congregational Union: views which seem to us to indicate very false, not to say ignorant, notions of the revelations of God's law, and the harmony of the natural and the Divine law for the reproof of sin and the guidance of man into the paths of righteousness. So original a genius is Mr. White that though his brethren agree with him in one conclusion, he darts off so diametrically on some kindred subject that it would be most unsafe to predict where you will find him. Intensely dogmatic in style, he writes and talks like one who has a great faith, the sum and the essence of which are included in two articles—the Almighty and the Rev. Edward White. No wonder that such a man, by force of character and dint of self-assertion, should rise to the chairmanship of the Congregational Union. But his presence there, and the blind dogmatism with which he talks on the subject of the "Total Abstinence Reform," go a long way of themselves to solve the problem he raises as to how little 90 per cent. of the skilled workmen feel called to what we call our Divine services." The address before us is a life-like reflection of its author—bright, original, talented, learned, dogmatic, eccentric, inconsistent, devout yet trifling, and a curious mixture of truth and error.

He treats, in a manner that commands our full sympathy, of the errors of celibacy as an escape from the vice of impurity, and he puts upon one footing the practice of the avoidance of marriage, and that of abstinence from injurious and poisonous drinks. If this singularly gifted man cannot see the enormous difference between the application of the law of abstinence in these two essentially different cases, what are we to say of his perceptive faculties? Why simply that by some cause or other (and we know nothing about his personal tastes) he is so blind as to be incapacitated for the post of a public teacher upon this one subject at least. Surely there is great need, if Mr. White expresses the views of any large portion of the Congregational ministry, for a new society to be formed, and a special effort to be set on foot, for the conversion of Congregational ministers. We remember hearing a story of a former president of the Union, of rather dark complexion, who, in preaching a missionary sermon, made such an impression upon one old lady who had previously objected to sending money away while there were so many heathens at home, that she said she willingly gave to the collection when she saw what the Lord had done for that poor Hindoo. We fear a reactionary effort for the conversion of the heathen at home must follow what Mr. White says about the higher platform and nobler Christian virtues, of drinking small quantities of drugged and poisonous liquors; for that is really what his teaching amounts to. Working men of common-sense and common faculties of observation can see the truth for themselves, which they have so well taught long since to leading scientists and theologians; and when it gees forth that a picked man of the Congregationalists talks such utter rubbish, wrapped up as it is in such a guise of apparent learning, and polish, and Scriptural authority, Mr. White does about as much as one man can do to make the working classes despise religious teachers generally and parsons in particular.

We remember hearing of a rough character who had felt the gall of bitterness that comes of Mr. White's teaching of the virtue of drinking small quantities of intoxicants, who had discovered the higher platform of total abstinence. But one day he was confronted with Paul's advice to Timothy, to "take a little wine," &c. He thought a moment, scratched his head, and said, "What's t' use to take note o' that, baint the parsons fools now, and why warn't they then?" Truly, Edward White, with all his learning, has so utterly misapplied the letter and mistaken the spirit of Ohrist'a teaching, that he could hardly do more to undermine the authority of the one-man-

ministry. But after all this may not be an unmixed evil, and it may be no permanent hindrance to the advancement of truth and righteousness.

Dean Plumptre, in a recent article, told a story of a British workman lying down on a bank and sunning himself on a Sunday morning and commencing his religious ruminations with the expletive, "Damn the priests." We do not quote these rough stories, either as approving the language, or as adopting the opinions of the men we quote. We simply do it to remind Edward White, and such like learned yet ignorant men, that rough, and even in some sense degraded, men may have truer and higher conceptions of God's laws than have some of the professional teachers who involve immoral teaching in a maze of theological dogma and who seek to glorify a breach of one of the simplest and plainest of God's laws as the very perfection of the fulfilment of the Mosaic code, and of the higher Christian revelation. Neither time nor space will permit us, in this issue, further to deal critically with Mr. White, for his paper reaches us on the eve of going to press; but we reproduce his words in another column to speak for themselves; and if some of our friends will utilis etheir Band of Hope training and send us replies of a more critical and thoughtful nature, within readable limits, our columns will be open to them.

Meanwhile, Mr. White's teaching will do its deadly work. Christian men and women who like intoxicants will quote White and the Bible as their authority, and though they may escape, their children may, and in many cases will, go helpless to perdition, and Mr. White's gospel will be responsible for their torments in this world and in the next.

BRO. J. MALINS, G.W.C.T., will, we understand, attend the quarterly session of E. and M. Surrey District Lodge on the 15th inst.

DURHAM SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.—The Liberty and Property Defence League sent a letter to every member of the House of Lords requesting support to Lord Bramwell's motion for the rejection of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill.

MR. STEVENSON'S RESOLUTION in favour of total Sunday closing, which was the second motion on the orders of the day, on Tuesday last, was not moved; Mr. Stevenson having been advised by the authorities of the House that it cannot be considered while Sir Joseph Pease's Bill on the same subject is before the House.

AN OMISSION.—Bro. Beckwith, D.E.S., Leicestershire, justly complains of the omission of an acknowledgment of his returns in the report of the G.E.S. The report was given to the G.E.S. in person on his visit to Leicester, and detailed admirable work, but coming through so direct a channel, was accidentally mislaid, and thus escaped mention.

A CORRECTION.—In our report of the political debate in Grand Lodge the division on the financial portion of the committee's report is erroneously stated as 75 for the committee and 85 against. The G.W.S. corrects this, and the official record is doubtless correct, viz., 75 yeas (for the committee) and 85 nays (against). The context of our report will shew that it was simply a clerical error, as the committee afterwards withdrew that section of the report.

MR. S. MORLEY'S APPEAL.—On Saturday, 15th inst., 1,000,000 copies of Mr. Morley's appeal, calling attention to the evils consequent upon children visiting public-houses, the text of which we published last week, will be distributed from house to house throughout the kingdom; and on Sunday, the 16th inst., special reference will also be made to the subject by clergymen and ministers of all denominations. We understand that a similar effort is being organised by Cardinal Manning. We trust great good will be accomplished by this effort.

DRINK CLUBS AT CARDIFF.—A special meeting of the Cardiff Watch Committee was held on Wednesday, 12th inst., to consider whether any more stringent measures could be taken to suppress sham clubs. The head constable reported that there were now 109 clubs in Cardiff, all doing a large trade on Sundays. There were besides a number of private houses at which beer was sold on Sundays. Six clubs had been proceeded against and convicted since the commencement of the year for selling beer to persons not members, and fines amounting to nearly £100 inflicted; five persons had in the same time been convicted for selling beer on Sundays without a licence, and fined £46. Since the passing of the Sunday Closing Act 12 clubs and 63 persons for selling beer on Sundays had been convicted, and fines inflicted amounting to £780. The town clerk reported that he had examined the Acts, and could not find any authority to give the police power to enter private clubs and demand to see the books. The Inland Revenue were powerless, and they could not be dealt with under the Nuisances Removal Act; the police were doing all they could to suppress them. A resolution was passed expressing the opinion that further legislation with regard to these clubs was urgently required.

THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS OF SOUTH SUFFOLK have not much to thank Mr. Quilter for, as the mover of (No. 3) Beer Adulteration Bill. As their Parliamentary representative he stated that many of them exist entirely on beer, and that being unable, from their low wages, to buy meat for their wives and families, they have beer for breakfast, for dinner, for tea, and for supper. He then quoted some lines from one of Hogarth's pictures:—

> "Beer, happy produce of our soil,
> Can sinewy strength impart;
> And, weary with fatigue and toil,
> Can cheer each manly heart."

We have no objection to the passing of Mr. Quilter's Bill, but we have not much sympathy with its author's frame of mind, which seems to us to be much too beery for that of a good legislator. We regard Mr. Quilter's testimony to the habits of his constituents as slanderous, and should consider Mr. Quilter much better qualified to give evidence upon great financial transactions in the City; how capital is obtained from investors, and how it is ultimately disposed of. The labourers of Suffolk will do well to enquire into such matters, and to get more trustworthy evidence placed before Parliament than Mr. Quilter seems to be possessed of. The Beer adulteration Bill passed its second reading on Wednesday last.

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

ALL THE CHARTER MEMBERS of Tower of Refuge Lodge, Manchester, which was formed 13 years ago, are still total abstainers.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Question: Can a W.C.T., while presiding, nominate any member for election to office?

Answer: He cannot; but he can cast his ballot along with the other members.

Question: Is it proper for a W.C.T. to ask visiting members to serve as officers *pro. tem.* when there are members of the Lodge willing to serve?

Answer: It is fully within the discretion of the W.C.T., and it may be a proper act of courtesy to thus invite visiting members to occupy the vacant posts.

Question: If an associate member of the Lodge presents his clearance card to it, and is elected a regular member, need he again go through the ceremony of reception by card in that Lodge?

Answer: No. The W.Sec. should simply enter in the minutes that the member was elected and accepted as a regular member, and the W.F.S. should enter opposite the name the date of acceptance as a regular member.

[*Note*: Questions are to be sent to the G.W.C.T. thr ugh the Deputy G.W.C.T. No question affecting the conduct of any member, nor case for trial or appeal, can be dealt with here.]

MORE NOTES ON THE G.L. SESSION.

It was resolved on Easter Monday, that the Digest should be the first business on Wednesday morning, and by 10 o'clock the resolutions referring to the life-long pledge were under consideration. The only real point at issue was as to the desirability of administering the present obligation to candidates on their admission into the Order. The debate was a very interesting one, and clearly demonstrated that the advocates for giving candidates the simple total abstinence pledge on joining were doing so because they believed that a three months' probation would better fit the new members for taking the solemn life-long pledge, and also lessen the number of violations. Their opponents never took up a weaker argument than when they brought forward the marriage vow as analagous to the life-long pledge, and the quiet way in which Sister C. Impey reminded the Lodge that "people did not get married at first sight," was very rich indeed. If her speech could have been listened to by the membership at large, I am sure it would have made a profound impression upon them, as it did upon all who heard her. But the Mid Somerset resolution was rejected by a large majority.

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Whilst I should be sorry to see our flag lowered, at the same time I think it would make our Order stronger if something could be done to more definitely impress upon the minds of candidates the serious nature of the step they are taking when they subscribe to the life-long pledge. This refers more particularly to those who come to us, as it were, direct from the public-house. In such cases, I certainly think some probationary term should be established, and if this cannot be spent in the Lodge, would it not meet the case if three months total abstinence was a necessary certificate to obtain membership in the Order.

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Although the Grand Lodge refused to make any alteration in the Subordinate Lodge pledge, it as emphatically declined to uphold a ruling given by the G.S.J.T., viz., "That the four-fold pledge is life-long." In this the representatives acted discreetly, for whilst any pledge taken for an indefinite period may be said to be for life, it is not always wise or expedient to declare such to be the case. Juvenile Temples and Bands of Hope are not to be valued so much by the pledge they adopt as by the teaching they inculcate. It should be our aim to fill the minds of our young brothers and sisters with sound Temperance teaching, and then, when they arrive at years of discretion, invite them of their own free will to adopt the most solemn, definite, and binding Good Templar lifelong obligation.

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The report and motions upon the Provident Fund gave rise to the expression of very diversified opinions, and in the end the yeas and nays were called on the question as to whether such a fund should, or should not, be established. The feature of the division was the solid "yea" vote of Middlesex, which elicited loud applause, as well as the expression from the G.W.C.T., to "After that, the Millennium." Before referring the matter back to the committee, it was resolved that the fund must be for abstainers only, and also that no extra allowance could be made to members belonging to both branches of the Order. It should also be stated that the original report of the committee had been amended, and when it re-appears before next Grand Lodge, I have no doubt it will be still further altered, and made more in accordance with the views and requirements of the membership.

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Another matter that came up for consideration on Wednesday, was the bye-law referring to character dress. Perhaps this was the most one-sided discussion of the whole session. Some seemed as if they could not find words bad enough in condemnation of those who suggested that the bye-law on this matter should be revised. I daresay many members will be surprised to learn that should they take part in any dialogue or sketch, in which the smallest approach of character-dress is assumed, they are starting on the road to "vice, immorality, and ruin." Streams of "fervid oratory" were poured forth upon these lines, and the majority were carried away. Bro. Poulter implored the members to favourably consider the request to enact Temperance pieces; but without avail, and the bye-law was re-affirmed by an overwhelming majority.

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The matter came up again on Thursday morning,

when the committee on Juvenile Templary recommended the adoption of the motion from N.W. Yorks: "That this bye-law should be extended to the juvenile branch of the Order." Bro. F. W. Lewis begged the Grand Lodge to pause before it enacted a law which would have the effect of driving from the Temples a large number of young people who, by their elocutionary and delineatory powers, were not only a credit to the Order but also efficient helpers in the Temperance cause. Was it just, he asked, that Temples should be liable to have their charters revoked because in a dialogue a girl should put on an apron to make herself appear as servant to another, whilst at the same time Lodges might engage professional singers to appear in special costume, and thus add attraction to their fruit banquets and public meetings? Several others joined in this appeal, but the N.W. Yorks resolution was adopted, still the division was closer than on the previous night.

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I have dwelt at length on this question because I know it is of more importance than many deem it to be. I have taken pains to get the opinion of members in all parts of the country, and I do not hesitate to say that not one in 500 desire permission to perform any but Temperance pieces. Let me put it another way. There are large numbers of members who cannot speak in public, but who are endowed with elocutionary talents of no mean order. They are desirous of utilising these gifts in the Temperance cause. If you debar them this privilege in the Order, they will go elsewhere and perhaps mix with company likely to lead them into the very evils Good Templary would fain protect them from. Is it not worth some concession to save these?

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The Wednesday evening sitting will long be remembered by those who remained to its close. Whilst we were awaiting the result of the last ballot for G.W.M., a sudden calm came over the assembly, as Bro. George Dodds, P.G.W.Co., rose to take farewell of the G. Lodge, as he was returning home next morning. His words were so solemn, so earnest, and touching, that when many other features of the session will be forgotten, this one will remain rivetted in the minds of all present.

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In last week's WATCHWORD a full account is given of the election of officers. The most popular success was the almost unanimous selection of Sister C. Impey as G.W.V.T. No sister in the Order is more greatly respected and beloved than Sister Impey, and her election was none other than an expression of gratitude and thanks for earnest, zealous, and increasing labours for the "Good of the Order." It is needless to say that the Middlesex Reps. were more than pleased with the election of their chief to a seat on the Executive; when the result of the final ballot for G.W.Ch. was announced, the W.D.Sec. of the largest Metropolitan District waved his hands and cheered lustily, his delight was so intense. The results of the other elections were all well received—Bro. Edwards, of S.E. Lancashire, and Bro. the Rev. W. Mainprize, of Lincolnshire, are both new members of the Executive.

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The decision to meet in London next year appeared to give general satisfaction. The reps. of the four Metropolitan Districts were unanimous on this question, and if their intentions are carried out we may look for a glorious time next Easter. In fact, I am informed an effort will be made to beat "all previous records."

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Reverting to Newport, I must say I think the Reception Committee did their work admirably. Their one desire was to make everybody happy and comfortable, and I did not hear a single complaint of bad accommodation. Bro. Brown, the chairman of the committee, proved a most efficient officer, and richly deserved the many thanks he received.

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Those members who arrived in Newport a few days before Easter spent a very pleasant time in scouring the surrounding country. Some went to Cardiff, others further into Wales; whilst not a few feasted their eyes upon the beauties of the Wye Valley, Chepstow Castle, and Tinterden Abbey. Many visited the great Alexandra Docks, and saw that marvellous apparatus in operation by which coal is emptied from the railway trucks into the vessels for despatch to all parts. The favourite walk during the midday adjournment was up Stow Hill from which a magnificent panoramic view of the town was obtained.

FREE LANCE.

THE TEMPERANCE CONGRESS AT CROYDON.

A very important Temperance Congress was held at the Skating Rink, Croydon, from May 4 to 8. The Archbishop of Canterbury attended and was patron, the Bishop of London was president. Among the vice-presidents were: Bros. Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., and Dr. G. B. Clark, M.P. The Sectional Presidents were: Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P.; Mr. S. Morley, Rev. Dr. Sinclair Paterson, Major Poole, Mr. John Taylor, and Dr. Alfred Carpenter, chairman of Executive. The hon. secretary was Mr. A. Grinstead, South Park Hill, Croydon, who is to issue the valuable papers and proceedings in a half-crown volume.

The conference was opened on Tuesday, May 4, at 2.30 p.m., by the Archbishop, when Canon Ellison read the opening address, after which, under the "Health Section," papers were read by Bro. Dr. J. J. Ridge, Dr. Norman Kerr, and Surgeon-Major Pringle. The evening public meeting which followed was presided over by Dr. B. W. Richardson, and addressed by the Bishop of Rochester, Mr. J. H. Raper, and Rev. E. Lee.

On Wednesday morning, W. I. Palmer, Esq., of Reading, presided, and reports were received from delegates of societies, and in the afternoon, the Bishop of London opened the "Religious Section" when the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., and the Rev. C. B. Symes, B.A., read papers. At night the Bishop of London presided at the public meeting, which he powerfully addressed, and was followed by Dr. Carpenter, Rev. J. Streatfield, and H. J. Wilson, M.P.

On Thursday morning Mr. John Taylor presided, while Temperance Life Assurance and Benefit Societies were considered in papers by Bro. Arthur A. Reade, H.D. Manchester (author of "Study and Stimulants," &c.), and Dr. A. Carpenter. In the afternoon the "Commercial Section" met under the presidency of Mr. Handel Cossham, M.P., and papers were submitted by Mr. Stephen Bourne, F.S.S., and Mr. T. P. Whittaker. A public meeting followed, when Mr. Bourne presided, and the Rev. J. P. Gledstone, Mr. T. P. Whittaker, and Surgeon-Major Pringle addressed the meeting.

On Friday morning Major Poole presided, and papers were read by Mrs. Reaney, Miss Townshend, and Mrs. Auckland on "Mothers," "Woman's Influence," and on "The British Women's Temperance Association." In the afternoon "The Young" were considered under the presidency of Rev. S. Patterson, M.D., when the Rev. H. E. Leigh, M.A.; Bro. Frederic Smith (United Kingdom Band of Hope Union), and Mr. H. F. Cole respectively read papers on "Temperance in Sunday-schools," "Bands of Hope," and "The Young Abstainers' Union."

A Grand Conversazione was held on the invitation of the Mayor of Croydon, when the members of Congress were invited to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury. The public rooms were handsomely decorated; the guests were received by the Mayor and Mayoress, and choice vocal and instrumental music was furnished and refreshments provided by his Worship. The G.W.C.T., Bro. Skinner, P.G.W.M., and Bro. Dr. Dawson Burns were among the large number present, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

On Saturday morning Mr. Conybere, M.P., presided, and a paper on "Temperance Legislation" by Bro. Dr. Dawson Burns, was read by Bro. John Hilton, and one on "Sunday Closing" by Mr. C. Lidstone when "direct veto" and "Sunday Closing" resolutions were adopted, after addresses by Bros. Malins, Skinner, and Mann, &c. In the afternoon Mr. John Taylor (N.T.L.) presided over the "Thrift Section," when papers were read by Mr. John Abbey (O.E.T.S) on "Work Without Intoxicants"; by Dr.C. Drysdale on the "Economy of Life and Health"; and Mr. T. B. Green on "Thrift and Homesteads."

The concluding public meeting was held at night, when Mr. Joseph Leicester, M.P., presided; and Bros. Malins, G.W.C.T., and Dr. Dawson Burns were the speakers.

MR. WILLIAM DORMER, formerly connected with various phases of the Temperance movement, but whose resumption of drinking habits and company afford a sad warning to others, has a second time been convicted of crime, and was, on Wednesday last, sentenced to penal servitude for five years for conspiring to obtain considerable sums of money from young men, by fraudulently offering them situations in a bogus bank.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

[This column is for notes of progress. Tersely and briefly expressed paragraphs of news, of the institution or restoring of Lodges, and the extension of the Order invited.]

HOUNSLOW.—On April 29 a free tea under the auspices of the Hope of Hounslow Lodge, was given to 100 non-abstainers at the Odd Fellows' Hall. Donations and gifts were subscribed by friends of the cause in Hounslow, and a very pleasant evening was spent. A procession started from the hall, headed by the splendid banner from Brentford W.O.T.A.S.P., and the Hounslow Temperance Brass Band and the Drum and Fife Band¶ Good Templars, and Sons of the Phœnix members in regalia. The chair at the public meeting was taken by Bro. Wickenden who gave a very encouraging and instructive address. Short speeches were given by Bro. Kilby and Mr. Daniels. Songs were given by Bro. Warren, Miss Cooper. Recitations by Sisters Dean and Alibas. There were about 400 present and several took the pledge and others gave their name for membership of the Order. One of the most successful meetings ever held.

NORTH WALSHAM, NORWICH.—For some time it was thought that a Lodge ought to be started at North Walsham, and a short time since Bro. J. E. Austin, W.D.Co., augmented a public meeting to explain the principles of the Order when Bro. Batterbee, W.D.M., also spoke. The result was that 22 names were given in to join the Lodge, and on Wednesday evening last, April 21, the North Walsham Rescue Lodge was instituted by Bro. Austin, W.D.C.; assisted by Bros. F. Coleman, P.D.C.T.; G. T. Porter, W.D.S.; T. Goate, P.D.C.T.; G. Brown, D.E.D.; and some members of the City of Monarch Lodge, who drove over in a waggonett. After the opening ceremony, 18 members were initiated, and one c.c. member was present. The officers were elected and installed—W.C.T., Bro. Youngman; W.V.T., Sister Loodes; W.S., Bro. Steward. Bro. Loads was recommended as L.D., and the Degrees were conferred by Bro. Goat. The Lodge started under very hopeful circumstances, and great credit is due to Bro. Austin for the interest he has taken in the matter.

DEVONPORT.—On April 27, another of the entertainments and public meetings established for the revival of the Order in the town, was held this week, Bro. George Palmer, P.V.D., in the chair. Bro. Palmer gave an amusing address explanatory of Good Templary. Mr. and Mrs. George, and Miss Jays rendered some very nice trios; Sister Beeton, Sister Symons and Bro. Taylor, gave recitations in their usual style; Bro. Cullam sang a very nice song, as did Bro. Rogers, and Bro. A. Woods, accompanied him upon the Fairy Bells, and played two selections in a very able manner. Both are members of the Hope of Plymouth Juvenile Temple. Bro. Palmer was supported by Bro. Fish, V.S.J.T., Bro. H. Nash, S.J.T., Bro. Richards, V.D., and Bro. Taylor, H.D. The Temperance Hall was full; one person gave in his name for membership.

BURY.—A Good Templar Gospel Temperance Mission was held here from May 2 to 6, conducted by Bro. J. A. Smith, of Liverpool. The Rev. J. W. Ferron, curate of St. John's, Bro. the Rev. G. Coates, W.D.Ch., Bro. James Mottall, Bro. T. Proud, P.W.D.T. (secretary to the mission), and Bro. J. Edwards, G.W.Co., presided at the various meetings. Bro. Smith dealt with the following subjects: "Sound an Alarm," "The Abominations of the Drink Traffic," "Voices from a Condemned Cell," "How we may Conquer the Foe," and wound up by giving "The Thrilling Story of an Actor's Life." Pledges were taken at all the meetings, and good has been done, although the mission has not been a success as a whole. Bro. Smith speaks well of the Order, which was the means of his salvation, and thus its aims and principles have been fully set forth, and the friends are hoping to see their numbers increased as a result of the mission, which entailed upon some a great deal of labour.

EAST AND MID SURREY.—The first of what it is hoped will be a series of successful meetings of open-air work was held on Sunday morning, the 9th inst., at Vauxhall Cross, Lambeth, S.E., under the auspices of East and Mid Surrey District Lodge, by the combined Lodges Lambeth Perseverance, and Lambeth Pioneers. The meeting was opened by Bro. R. Hyde, D.E.S., and addressed by Bros. Hubbard, P.D.C.T., Bro. Gear, and Bro. Reeves (hon. sec. for the open-air work). Hymns were sung by the members. The spot selected for the stand is well chosen. Two pledges were the

result of the meeting. Mr. Thew is the appointed conductor.

Crewe Sub-District.—A correspondent writes: Good Templary is now progressing rapidly in the Crewe district. Two new Lodges have been instituted, one at Willaston, which is called the Hope of Willaston Lodge, and another at Nantwich, called the Hope of Nantwich Lodge. The Hope of Willaston Lodge was instituted by Bro. D. Hall, W.D.Co., on January 13. There were 11 members initiated at the commencement of the Lodge, and at present there are 29 members. The Hope of Nantwich was instituted March 9, by Bros. Hall, W.D.Co., and Darling, D.G., with nine members, and the number has now increased to 25. It is expected that there will shortly be two other Lodges instituted, one at Crewe, and the other at Haslington.

Hanley.—On Saturday evening, May 8, Bro. J. T. Forder, D.E.S. of Birmingham, conducted a largely-attended meeting in the Temperance Hall, Bro. C. W. F. Heath presiding. Bro. Forder also spoke in the Market-square on the Sunday morning and evening. His addresses were very interesting and instructive.

S. E. Lancashire.—A public meeting was held in the King-street School-room, Stratford, on May 7, under the auspices of No. 3 Convention. The Rev. J. Teece presided and gave an address. Bro. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T., and Bro. Musk, D.E.S., also addressed the meeting. The speeches were pleasantly diversified by songs, &c. The Tower of Refuge Lodge rendered great assistance. Bro. Edwards, G.W.Co., was present.

GOOD TEMPLAR VOLUNTEERS AND THE EASTER MANŒUVRES.

DOVER.

On Good Friday at Canterbury, a special session was held to welcome members of the I.O.G.T. who were in the marching column, but owing to the military duties, there was a very small attendance. At Dover a public tea and meeting was held by the Invincible Lodge, both of which were largely attended. Bro. Harden (Sergt. 2nd. Vol. Bat. Royal Fusiliers), Palmerston Lodge, Wimbledon, presided, and a very interesting entertainment was given. On Saturday a united gathering of Dover Lodges to welcome volunteer Templars from London took place. About 15 visitors were present, representing as many Lodges, and almost as many regiments. With singing, reciting, speaking, &c., a pleasant evening soon passed away. During the evening Bro. Muskett, of the London Scots Lodge and London Scottish Rifles, presented the W.C.T., Bro. Harden, of Wimbledon, with a silver and glass cruet stand, as a small token of esteem from his fellow Templar Volunteers, and also wishing Sister Harden and himself happiness and prosperity in their married life. Bro. Harden suitably responded.

PORTSMOUTH.

At Portsmouth the reception given to volunteer brethren was most enthusiastic. As the local brethren made their way into the forts and carried off the I.O.G.T. volunteers to Lodge, where they regaled them with fruit, &c., afterwards entertaining them with singing, reciting, &c. Extract from Bro. Glover's (secretary for Portsmouth) report:—"The reception given by the Portsmouth brethren was most hearty, and made me feel more glad than ever that I was a Good Templar."

Durham Sunday Closing Bill.—At the Hartlepool Town Council, on the 5th inst., Bro. Councillor Woods, P.G.W.S., moved that the seal of the Council be affixed to a petition to the House of Lords in favour of this bill. This was seconded by Alderman John Horsley, J.P., and supported by Alderman George Horsley, J.P. The opposing speakers were the Mayor (James Rawlings, J.P.), and Councillor Kirby (brewer). On a division the petition was ordered to be sealed by 15 to 4, with one neutral. Of the four absent members of the Council three would have supported the bill. Of the four who voted against the petition one is a brewer with several tied houses, and another interested is the owner of public-house property.

Situations Vacant and Wanted.—Our charge for this class of advertisement is 24 words for sixpence. Every additional six words threepence.—[Advt.]

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION UPON TOTAL ABSTINENCE REFORM.

Some danger of an analogous sort, I venture to submit, lies before our own eyes in the conduct of the Total Abstinence Reformation by its unwiser advocates. You cannot save souls unless you save bodies at the same time. The too violent reaction against monastic asceticism in all its departments, of chastity, fasting, and abstinence from drink, has plunged nominally Protestant nations, the English, Scandinaviane, Germans, Swiss, and Americans into an abyss of measureless sensual indulgence, in which careful teaching on the keeping under of the body by habitual or occasional abstinences from lawful enjoyments has nearly disappeared. A vigorous but wise discipline of all the bodily appetites formed a very prominent feature of primitive Christianity.* Against gluttony, and some other prevailing carnal indulgences, we hear too little definite teaching in Protestant England to-day.

But a vigorous attack has been made on the one vice of over-indvlgence in fermented liquors. Total abstinence from these is good as a habit for all the young, and perhaps for most adults; but assuredly it is the one hope of physical and eternal salvation for drunkards of every degree. The value of this movement in its ever increasing force and volume requires no celebration, and I shall not presume to praise it. As a counsel of perfection adopted also by Christians, in order to assist the reform of a population drenched with alcoholic stimulants, until they are spiritually degraded and impoverished beyond former experience, the movement deserves a high rank in the history of heroic self-denial. Nevertheless, absolute and universal abstinence from all fermented liquors even the weakest (for claret and brandy are not identical drinks), is surely neither a law of nature nor a revealed law of God. It was not required at Sinai by any one of the Ten Commandments, nor by any one of the 613 precepts of the Mosaic law. It was not practised by the Lord Jesus Christ. The word of God for Jew and Gentile, both in the Old and New Testaments forbids Drunkenness; that is the wicked beclouding of the reason and excitement of the passions by ardent spirits, or excessive use of weaker liquors; and it forbids this on pain of ETERNAL DAMNATION, and nothing less, as defeating every right end of human life. Drunkards, says St. Paul twice, SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINODOM OF GOD. (Gal. v. 21; 1 Cor. vi. 10.)

But the large majority of total abstainers will admit that the Divine Revelation neither in conscience nor Scripture threatens the awful doom of perdition to the man who drinks a glass of claret or a glass of ale, any more than to the man who drinks a cup of tea or coffee. There clearly is then, in the judgment of God, nothing less than an infinite difference in moral quality and destiny between a temperate and an intemperate man, a sober man and a drunkard. To speak therefore of or to a strictly temperate man as in training for intemperance, or to confound Temperance in any way with total abstinence, you will admit is to trifle all at once with language, with fact, with character, and with the moral interests of mankind. The results of such confusion of thought and language are most disastrous, just as in the history of the clerical celibary. They are disastrous as respects general teaching, and as respects the effect on the drinking classes. If I insist that strict Temperance is of the same genus with intemperance, and if I have a right to hustle a really sober man with my inuendoes as to his insobriety, then all religious teachers of mere Temperance ought to be rebuked and silenced, and will be silenced by the remonstrance of total abstainers. But with what result? With the result of leaving all families, schools, and churches, who are not taught what is represented as the prime and normal duty of total abstinence, *without any teaching whatsoever on the question of alcoholic liquors.* Now this has been I fear the result wherever total abstinence—the counsel of special local prudence, or of perfection—has been set forth by its less thoughtful advocates as the original and obliging Divine law as to fermented drinks. Unless ministers of religion, schoolmasters and heads of families are total abstainers there is now, I apprehend, comparatively little public teaching on intemperance and the eternal destruction of drunkards. Nearly all sober, and temperate teachers have been reduced to silence, as blind guides, by the persistent ridicule and denunciation of Temperance and moderation by the unwiser wing of the abstinence reformers.

But very erroneously have such teachers of sobriety submitted to be silenced by these mischievous perversions. For whatever a man's opinion may be on the expediency of the Rechabite movement, *all* moral teachers are under infinite obligation to God to define drunkenness, and to set forth before old and young that drunkards, and the makers of drunkards, shall infallibly be consigned to the abyss of perdition. This is an awful and imminent doom, too seldom heard of on total abstinence platforms, or, I fear, in pulpits; but it is the truth of things according to the doctrine of Christ. And surely this is the most powerful argument which can possibly be used to arrest the habits of private drinking, and daily spirit-tippling in bars and parlours, and to warn the victims of their danger. Let then all non-abstaining but temperate Christian men who care for souls refuse to be silenced from crying night and day to the brain-soaking multitudes that they *shall not escape the judgment of God.* Let them believe in the Gehenna of Fire, of which Christ so emphatically and alarmingly speaks; let them speak distinctly, as if they believed it, of the "*indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish,*" which St. Paul says is coming at the resurrection of judgment on *every soul of man that doeth evil;* and there are few evils more germinant, suicidal, and damning, than the wicked habit of disabling the brain by repeated doses of stupefying and passion-inflaming stimulants and narcotics. The general conscience will respond to *this* warning. But if men hear nothing else than the universal obligation of total abstinence, because forsooth "intemperance begins in moderation," and because "a glass of ale is a training for large potations of gin and brandy," the probability, nay the certainty, is that the majority of work-people—especially if you also hold out to them the delusive prospect of universal salvation—will break loose, as they have done throughout England, from all instruction on the subject, and will drink gin and brandy to perdition. *But their blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*

Whenever you habitually minimise the vice of the sinner by laying the chief blame on the temptation, or whenever you teach that which is only a counsel of perfection as a moral law of universal obligation, you do not really warn the wicked man of his wickedness. We are sent to teach men that God will *judge* them by ordinary moral laws—not by counsels of perfection—and in this case the moral law is that DRUNKENNESS is the damning sin. I respectfully pray therefore the erring section of total abstinence reformers never for one moment to class their best allies, the really sober and God-fearing part of the community, in the same category with its most disgusting criminals—the drunkards. "We are not under law but under grace." The *law* is not *thou shalt not drink*, but *thou shalt not be drunken*, and that only. It is *grace* which may lead a man to total abstinence for his brother's sake, or prudence for his own; yet he must neither speak nor act so that "grace shall be no more grace," but become a demoralising law, a new and man-made commandment.*

Complimentary Dinners, Social Teas, Conferences, Evening Meetings of Companies or Societies, on reasonable terms, at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, London, E.C., opposite Ludgate Hill Station. Strictly Temperance principles.

*The nation has recently had reason to learn afresh the need for plainer moral teaching of youth in this department; an object to which the leaders of our churches ought lend a steady but prudent support. I say a prudent support, since some forms of recent effort fill the air with the germs of evil, and poison as many souls as they save. We are quite safe in the hands of those of our brethren who have chiefly influenced Congregational opinion in this regard. See a paper on *Social Purity* read before the Notts Congregational Union in March last, by the Rev. J. H. Hollowell—which well deserves a wide circulation among young men.—"*Daily Express* Company," Parliament-street, Nottingham.

* The whole of the Temperance question has been treated with consummate ability by Dr. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, of Philadelphia, in his Church Papers, No. xiv. (G. Putnam's Sons, New York). The general question of the "Social Results of Christianity" has been exhaustively treated by Dr. Schmidt of Strasbourg, whose great work has been translated by Mrs. Thorpe, of Nottingham, with a preface by Dr. Dale (Isbister, 1885); a book which may be commended to the attention of all teachers of Christian morality.

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G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

TO ALL LODGES AND DEPUTIES.

All newly-recommended Lodge Deputies are hereby empowered to install the officers of their respective Lodges; and the action of retiring Deputies in installing officers, pending receipt of the new commissions, is hereby ratified. As it is desired to enclose summaries of the Grand Lodge Session just held, the Commissions will be delayed a few days. The anticipated change in cypher will not be made in relation to the password, which can be read with the former key.

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.L. Offices, May 4, 1886.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
May 15.—	Surrey, E. and M....	P. M. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
,, 15.—	Gloucester, W.	Bristol.
,, 15.—	Lancashire, S.E.....	Glossop.
,, 17.—	Dorset	Temp. Hall, Piddletrenthide.
,, 17.—	Worcester.....	Malvern Link.
,, 18.—	Somerset, M.	Yeovil.
,, 19.—	Hants, N.....	St. John's Rooms, Winchester.
,, 19.—	Kent, E.	Folkestone.
,, 20.—	Gloucester, E.	Bath Bridge, Tetbury.
,, 22.—	Kent, W.	National Schools, Sidcup.
,, 24.—	Northumberland	St. James' School, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
,, 24.—	Surrey, W.	Ward street Hall, Guildford.
,, 24.—	Warwick	Public Hall, Erdington.
,, 25.—	Durham, E.....	Butterknowle, via Darlington.
,, 25.—	Hants., S	Gosport.
,, 26.—	West Surrey	Guildford.
,, 27.—	Leicester	Leicester.
,, 29.—	Cheshire, W.	Brassey-street, Birkenhead.
,, 29.—	Middlesex	South-place Chapel, Finsbury.
,, 29.—	Durham, N.	Ryhope Colliery.
June 14.—	Monmouth	Abergavenny.
,, 21.—	Cornwall, E.	Gunnislake.
,, 21.—	Stafford, S.	Brownhills.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the Watchword.

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.S.J.T.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Quarterly returns and passwords have been forwarded to the D.S.J.T.'s, and should now be in the possession of the Temples.

S.J.T.'s may expect their commissions and report forms within a day or two. A.S.J.T.'s and V.S.J.T.'s will receive their papers a few days later.—Joseph Walshaw, G.S.J.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Yorkshire, Cleveland. — On and after May 15, Bro. Skelton, D.D., will reside at 7, Brentnall-street, Middlesbrough.—Signed, John B. Collings, Hon. G.W.Sec.

LIST OF NEWLY INSTITUTED AND RESUSCITATED LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	District.	Town.	Inst. Officer
8	Progress	.. Argentine Republic	.. Buenos Ayres	Robert Vere
2564	Lily of Askam	Lancashire, N.	Askam	...A. L. Garnett
3819	J. B. Gough ..	Hants. N. ..	Midhurst	...W. C. Barley
2531	Sparkling Water	.. Durham, S. ..	Bishop Auckland	...J. Walton
1989	Hope of Nantwich	... Cheshire, W.	Nantwich	...D. Hall
3637	Sidney	... Lancs. S.E. ..	Salford	...J. G. Tolton
3855	Centre of Unity	Stafford, S. ..	Hednesford	...A. Rowley
313	Hope of Mitcham	Surrey, E. .. and M. ..	Wimbledon	...T. Morland
1678	Accrington Triumph	.. Lancs. N.E....	Accrington	...E. Fowler
870	Tindale Fride	Cumberland ..	Tindale	...G. Bell
2198	Axbridge Excelsior	.. Somerset E....	Axbridge	...W.G. Westlake
3844	Southtown	.. Norfolk ...	Southtown	...T. Goate
1431	Water Lily ...	Monmouth ..	Redwick	...J. James
3461	Oldham Love Home	... Lancs., S.E. ..	Oldham	...J. G. Tolton
378	Walton's Happy at Home	.. Lancs., S.W. ...	Walton	...R. W. Kirkus
440	Ne Vile Yano	Lancs., N.	Barrow-in-Furness	...A. L. Garnett
3719	North Walsham Rescue	Norfolk ...	North Walsham	...J. E. Austin
2831	Far Mars Per Terram	... Kent, E. ...	Walmer	...S. C. Weston
1974	Dawn of Liberty	.. Somerset, E.	Bath ...	...J. S. Sturges
742	Rocester Dove	Stafford, N. ..	Rocester	...J. Spencer
817	Hope of Normacott	.. Stafford, N. ..	Normacott	...T. Johnson
3015	Pride of Hilgay	Norfolk ...	Hilgay ...	...H. E. Aldrich
		DEGREE TEMPLE.		
342	No. 4 Convention, Salford (Signed)	Lancs., S.E...	Salford..	...J. G. Tolton

John B. Collings, Hon. G.W.Sec.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE..

Bro. W. Winton, D.C.T., 54, Coningham-road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

Next session will be held South-place Chapel, Finsbury, Saturday, May 29. 6 p.m. prompt.

Order of Business.

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Calling roll of officers.
3. Report of Credential Committee.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Report of D.S.J.T.

New Business.

6. Report of Grand Lodge Representatives.
7. Appointment of Standing Committees.
8. Reading of minutes.
9. Closing ceremonies.

J. H. Retallack-Moloney,
Worthy District Secretary.

The Limes, North Bow, E.
May 11, 1886.

LONDON SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The 18th annual meeting of the London Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society was held at the South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-road, S.E., on Wednesday, May 5, 1886. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Theodore Fry, M.P., T. Robinson, G.W.P., S. Hawley, P.G.W.P., C. H. Gorringe, P.G.W.P., and others. The hall was well filled. The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. Vincent, read the annual report, from which we learn that the membership at December, 1885, numbered 3,869. The sick fund receipts for the year amounted to £4,254 17s. 5d., and the claims paid to £2,433 18s. 2d. The funeral fund receipts amounted to £1,050 13s. 4d., and the claims paid to £380, leaving a balance of £2,491 12s. 7d., to be added to the reserve of the benefit funds, which now amounts to £21,842, and, being invested in freehold ground-rents, produces over 4 per cent. per annum interest. Seventeen per cent. of the members declared on the sick fund, the total average of sickness for the year being five-and-a-half days; the death-rate being under 6½ per 1,000, a rate that will bear a most favourable comparison with any other sick benefit society. During the evening a resolution was passed unanimously as follows: "That this meeting heartily supports the Sunday Closing Bill for the county of Durham." This was signed by the chairman of the meeting, and sent to the Lord Bishop to present to the House of Lords. A choir and string band gave some capital singing and music during the evening.

Bro. Rosbottom is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[Advt.]

Our Orphanage.—Some time since I wrote Bro. Rolfe asking him to forward me a box to place in my commercial room, and suggesting to our brother that steps should be taken to place a box in every Temperance hotel in the kingdom. I have received my box, and, replying to my suggestion, Bro. Rolfe informs me if the suggestion is to be carried out local friends must make the arrangements. Will some good brother or sister in each town where there are Temperance hotels call upon the proprietors and see if arrangements can be made for placing a box in each hotel. If this can be done I am sure our Orphanage would be benefited.—S. W. Tyson, W.D.Chap., Temperance Hotel, Luton, Beds.

Mr. Conybeare's Bill.—The G.E.Supt., in his report to the Grand Lodge, referred to Mr. C. A. V. Conybeare's Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to children. He said Mr. Conybeare's bill is threatened in committee, and that strenuous efforts will be made to except from its provisions children who are sent to buy drink for their parents. That is the most important clause in the bill. If it is altered so as to allow children to buy drink for their parents the bill will be destroyed. We have a thorough-going Temperance man in Mr. Conybeare. He believes in going to the very root of the evil to destroy it. Knowing there is opposition to the bill, we, as Good Templars, should do our best to support Mr. Conybeare in trying to protect the children from the greatest curse in our land—the liquor traffic. We can write to our M.P.'s asking them to support the bill. And if the L.E.S. of every Lodge had a petition form and got all the members to sign it and send it to the D.E.Supt. and they send it to the G.E.Supt., who would get it presented to the House of Commons, a petition with the signatures of 74,000 Good Templars would assist Mr. Conybeare with his bill.—Samuel Crispin, W.C.T., Help and Refuge Lodge, Redruth.

A SCEPTICAL CLERGYMAN

THROWS ASIDE HIS DOUBTS AND BEARS STRONG TESTIMONY TO THE TRUTH.

Scepticism is a deplorable thing, especially when it leaves the mind on a stormy sea without anchor or hope of haven. It does not probably prevail any more in these days than it did in the past, but we hear more of it because of the publicity given by the secular Press. Some minds are so constituted that they cannot accept anything without proof, and yet they do not necessarily demand that the proof shall have the stamp of highest authority. They recognise merit for itself, and accept it gladly, knowing that eventually it must gain general recognition. The legal and medical professions, as well as the ecclesiastical, are slow to adopt what may conflict with their notions of self-interest and right. New ideas are almost always disturbing, but eventually they become assimilated, and are warmly commended.

The case of Rev. George Waterman, a talented clergyman of Berwyn Lodge, Broadstone, Winborne, England, suggests these observations. He got into a desperate condition, which thoroughly unfitted him for ministerial work. His mind, sympathising with his body, became very much depressed. As the mind is, so the thoughts are. He finally put himself under the care of the best London specialists. For several years he pursued the ever-fleeting phantom, but at last they told him his case was beyond amendment. Still more thoroughly depressed, he grew sceptical to a degree, and believed himself doomed. Providentially, however, he had his attention drawn to a widely-reported means of restoration in cases like his own. He reluctantly began its use. Every few weeks the had chemical analyses made, and finding constant improvement, he eagerly persevered; and when 26 bottles had been used, the analyst reported:—"No trace of either albumen or sugar by the severest tests." In other words, he exclaimed with rapture, "I was cured!" He had Bright's disease of the kidneys. That was in 1882; and from the day he put aside his scepticism at the use of an unauthorised remedy until to-day, he has been strong and well in body and mind; and contrary to the boast of his friends has had no relapse. It is only fair to remark, though it may be unusual for papers editorially to do so, that "Warner's Safe Cure" is the remedy that saved Mr. Waterman's life, to which he bears ever willing testimony. And when we see it publicly endorsed by such eminent persons of quality as the Right Rev. Bishop Edward Wilson, of Canada, R. Henry Davis, Missionary of Kobe, Japan, Rev. D. A. Brown, of Aultsville, Canada, the Rev. Thomas J. Bryant, of 1, Myrtle-place, London-road, Bognor, Sussex, the Rev. James Brierley, M.A., Congleton, and others equally well-known, we unhesitatingly commend it to the favour of our readers.

THE

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OF THIS COUNTRY

IS

INDIGESTION.

Modern Cooking and Modern Living have brought it on. It comes upon us unawares. The patients have pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. They feel dull and sleepy; the mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning. A sort of sticky slime collects about the teeth. The appetite is poor. There is a feeling like a heavy load on the stomach; sometimes a faint all-gone sensation at the pit or the stomach which food does not satisfy. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and feel clammy. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but after a few months it is attended with a greenish-coloured expectoration. The patient feels tired all the while, and sleep does not seem to afford any rest. After a time he becomes nervous, irritable, and gloomy, and has evil forebodings. There is a Giddiness, a sort of whirling sensation in the head when rising up suddenly. The bowels become costive; the skin is dry and hot at times; the blood becomes thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes become tinged with yellow; the kidney secretions become scanty and highly coloured, depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a spitting up of the food, sometimes with a sour taste, and sometimes with a sweetish taste; this is frequently attended with palpitation of the heart and asthmatic symptoms; the vision becomes impaired, with spots before the eyes; there is a feeling of great prostration and weakness. All these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-half of our population has this disease in some of its varied forms. Seigel's Syrup changes the ferments of the Digestive organs so as to convert the food we eat into a form that will give nourishment to the feeble body, and good health is the consequence. The effect of this remedy is simply marvellous. Millions upon millions of bottles have been sold in this country, and the testimonials in favour of its curative powers are overwhelming. Hundreds of so-called diseases under various names are the result of Indigestion, and when this one trouble is removed the other diseases vanish, for they are but symptoms of the real malady.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury.—Norwood Schools, Southall. 7.30.
Benjamin Franklin.—Percy Hall, 3, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road.
Gratitude.—1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger.—Coffee Palace, High-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Orange Branch.—Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop.—St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina.—British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock.—Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.16.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon.—178 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert.—Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Bond of Brotherhood.—32, Besson-st., New Cross, S.E.
G. W. McCree.—3 Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road 8.30.
Jabez Burns.—Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware-rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior.—Working Men's Co.Te., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior.—Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.

WEDNESDAY.

Citizen.—Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey.—Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream.—St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd.—Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Harringay.—Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Cronch End Hill.
Joseph Payne.—Christ Church Sch., Caledonian-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Curry.—Sydney Hall, Leader-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior.—Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential.—The Hall, St. Anu's-rd., Brixton (or Keunington Gate).
The Mint.—Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Sont hwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace.—Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London.—Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield.—Paradise-road School, Clapham-road.
Heart's Content.—68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15.
Hope of Streatham.—Irmin School-room, Natal-road, Streatham.
James Mc'Gregor.—Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch.—Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston.—42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park.—Prin. Meth. School, Queenshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street.—Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton.—Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity.—Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy.—Camden Hall, King-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen.—Mall Hall, Nottiog Hill Gate. 8.30.
Grosvenor.—Tent otal Hall, Geurge-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham.—Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton.—Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London.—Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.
Thomas Carlyle.—Lockhart Hall, King-street, Hammersmith.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone.—Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorneles.—22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson.—Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell.—Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st. Islington
Mills End.—German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park.—Twig Folly Schools, Benner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30.
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Beaconsfield Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Rome Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine. Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—British Rose. Templars' Miss. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.).
SANDWICH.—Richbore' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model. St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge. G.T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
FOLKESTONE.—Caesar's Camp. Cong. Schools, Tontine-street.
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30.
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy. Wardstreet Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HULL.—Paragon. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. Juv. Temp. 8.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Halme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan. Grosvenor-st., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.).—Ryds. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Peach. National School-room.
GODALMING.—Friends. Congregational School-room.
HULL.—Always Active. Lower Union-street Club-room.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum. British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Temolars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30.
RAMSGATE.—Sune Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harishead.
SPALDING.—Hand in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.

FRIDAY

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Abingdon-street Schoolroom.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Coopt. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
FOLKESTONE.—Safeguard of Folkestone. Congregational School.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort Club Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sore Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30.
WINCHESTER.—Itchen Valley. St. Maurice Hall, High-street.
YORK.—Barbour of Friendship. Lendal School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Concilio et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chapel School-room, Ebrington-street.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's, Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Catte Onarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Eliza-street), Carlton. Monday.

AUSTRALIA (SOUTH).

Grand Lodge of South Australia I.O.G.T
R. W. G. Lodge of the World.

Members of the Order emigrating to South Australia will please note the address of the G.W.S.—W. W. Winwood, I.O.G.T. Office Adelaide, S.A.

MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Aden, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
RAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort, Monday, 7. Lab., Corpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's, 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Redson.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship. 1st Bat., Camp, Wed.
EGYPT.—Lorne. N.W. Ismid, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. SUPERB, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison. Cairo Restaurant. Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
RICHMOND (Yks.).—Howard's Green, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHOEBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, Bigh-street. Monday.
MALTA.—Shropshire Guiding Star a., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Howard Bond, M.13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—Red, White and Blue. I.O.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
PORTSEA.—Nil Desperandum. Cairo Restaurant. Thursday. 7.
H.M.S. NELSON, AUSTRALIA.—Red Cross. Saturday.

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SUNDAY DRUNKENNESS IN IRELAND.—A Parliamentary return was published on Wednesday, giving the number of arrests for drunkenness within the metropolitan police district of Dublin, the cities of Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, and the town of Belfast, on Sundays, between May 7, 1883 and April 29, 1885, both days inclusive. The arrests are given from 8 a.m on Sundays until 8 a.m on Mondays. In Dublin the total amounted to 1,780. In the city of Cork there were 579 arrests, in Limerick 266, in Waterford 243, in Belfast 834.

FOREIGN SAILINGS.

SISTER STUBLEY, P.W.C.T., of Nottingham Castle Lodge, sails for New York in the Umbria, from Liverpool, on May 22, and would be glad to know of any member going by the same vessel. Address, Mrs. Stubley, care of Mr. J. Peacock, W.D.S., 107, Union-road, Nottingham.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to notice the following instructions in forwarding items of news:—

No notice will be taken of communications unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

Address, Editor, GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD, 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

J. P. P.—We do not wish to re-open the discussion on the mere accident of a word. It was sufficiently disposed of in the debate.

SARAH.—Thanks. But for the advertisements the paper would cost three times the price. Readers are not obliged to take all the medicine advertised, but in one or two instances soreness of temper would suggest that a slight corrective is needed, as we believe a great deal of bad temper is due to disorder of the liver.

WE beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Births, Marriages, and deaths are announced at the following rates:—Twenty words, 6d.; every six words additional, 3d. Two initials count as one word, whether prefixed or affixed to the name.

BIRTH.

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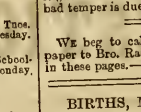

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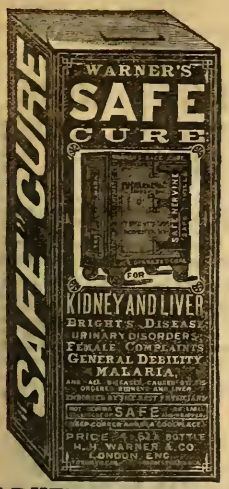

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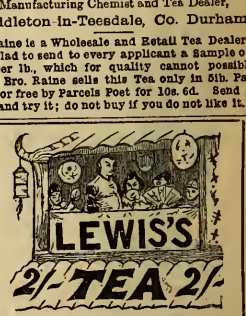

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Your committee appointed to examine and report on (*a*) the extent to which the published programmes indicate the character of the "Good of the Order," (*b*) the Temperance education promoted by the Lodges, and (*c*) to make suggestions thereupon, beg to say that in looking over a large number of Good Templar programmes they could not fail to be struck with the quantity and variety of programme literature, unequalled probably by any other organisation.

The quantity will be somewhat understood when it is stated that nearly 1,000 programmes in use in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, have been forwarded for inspection and comparison. Many of these are published in the interest, or by the authorisation, of District Lodges, and in addition to detailed Lodge quarterly programmes, many of them contain some or all of the following information :—List of Right Worthy Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge, and District Lodge officer; District Lodge and Grand Lodge representatives; names and addresses of Visiting Templars, and the names of Lodges they are appointed to visit; a complete Lodge directory, giving particulars of names, places, days, and hours of meeting; Lodge Deputies and Electoral Superintendents' names and addresses; a Juvenile Temple directory, with names, places, days, and hours of meeting; names and addresses of Superintendent Juvenile Templars, Assistant Superintendent Juvenile Templars, and Visiting Superintendent Juvenile Templars, with number of members in good standing in each Temple; District Executive's minutes; summary of District Lodge session and officers' reports, with a list of Lodges, and detailed statements of gains and losses, and financial accounts.

One of the most complete directory-programmes appears to be that of the District of East Kent, containing, as it does, all the above-mentioned items, with some 24 Lodge and Temple programmes in full. It consists of above 50 pages, and sells at the modest price of one penny. The edition, of 1,200 copies, costs some seven guineas, and is met somewhat as follows :—Sale of books to Lodges, £3 10s.; payment by Lodges for insertion of programmes, £2 10s.; District Lodge payment of D.L. news, notices, &c., £2; general advertisements, £1, thus leaving a balance more than sufficient to pay for the expense of packing and posting. Your committee feel that what is possible in this District is equally so in many others, by the exercise of an ordinary amount of pains, patience, and persistence. Further information will be gladly supplied to any anxiously inquiring member or District desiring to follow so good an example.

Another book of programmes deserving special notice is that for the District of W. Surrey, containing particulars of about 16 Lodges, and is in paper, type and style, a choice little production.

A larger book of over 50 pages, with nearly 30 Lodge programmes, is the official Templar Handbook for the four Districts of Warwick, Worcester, Staffa Stafford, and Salop. This book has now been published for several quarters, and has become indispensable in the Districts surrounding Birmingham. The responsibility of its issue is accepted by a small committee on behalf of the local convention. The book is practically self-supporting, and sold at a penny. If an extension were made in the advertisement direction, the book would become a valuable financial property to the responsible committee.

The Leicestershire Good Templars' Pocket Guide has a circulation of 2,000 copies quarterly, and is in many respects a model directory. Its programmes are more than 40 in number; its literary selections are well made; and the shape of the book is convenient and presentable.

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The Middlesex Pocket Guide, of the same size, with good large type, supplies to any Lodge one page of programme and 100 copies for 6s., or 50 for 3s. 9d.

The Notts District Guide deserves notice for its handy and convenient size, and not least for its full information respecting the registration of voters, &c.

The 68 pages of the S.W. Lancashire Guide contains but four pages of advertisements, and it is not easy to understand how its well-known compiler and publisher is able to sell it at the modest and popular penny. It is replete with local information, and must be of great service to the 40 Lodges whose programmes it gives

The Central Yorks District shews its enterprise by issuing a valuable official organ, well printed and in good type, with a Good Templar diary of events filling up seven pages of interesting and handy information.

The S.E. Lancashire Guide is perhaps the largest published, consisting, as it does, of more than 100 pages and 60 programmes. What and how the District could do without it would be difficult to say. Its circulation is 3,000 quarterly. Other valuable guides are here mentioned, though not necessarily in their order of merit :—Berks; Cheshire, E. and M.; Isle of Wight, Dorset, Somerset, E.; Devon, S.; Glos., W.; Lancashire, N.E.; Monmouth, Norfolk, Cumberland, E., Cumberland, W.; Stafford, S.; Worcester (this comparatively small District distributes 1,000 copies quarterly), and Yorks., Cleveland. Several no less very admirably arranged handbooks are issued by various groups of Lodges, the largest and one of the best being that for Sheffield and District, emanating from the town convention. One of its valuable features is "Events of the Quarter," where the eye takes in at a glance the fixtures for the whole term. It also contains two or three pages of names of original papers prepared by various members who are willing to place them at the disposal of other Lodges in the District. This is a judicious arrangement, and may be wisely copied elsewhere. Papers that have been carefully prepared are worth reading in more than one Lodge. The advertising element here must be financially valuable.

The Stockton-on-Tees Directory, under the editorship of the D.E.S., is of much merit, and contains features of permanent value and interest. The Hartlepool towns also publish a model guide, which favours its readers with prize programmes, the result of a money competition.

S. Hants produces three creditably managed guides, one for Southampton and neighbourhood, well sandwiched with advertisements, and one for Lodges favoured by location in the Bournemouth area; both of these productions are packed full of local information. The third book is for use in Portsmouth and its environments. The last-named has no advertisements, and cheapness in its production has been, therefore, an important consideration.

Others coming in this "group" category, and deserving of notice, are Brighton, East London, Gateshead, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Tunbridge Wells, Woolwich, Wakefield, Felling-on-Tyne, The Potteries, Rochester, &c., Todmorden, Sunderland, and Cheltenham.

The exterior appearance of individual Lodge programmes is varied enough to suit all tastes and fancies; some consist of a single card, differing in shape, size, and colour; some of a double card, and others of a three-fold card or paper, while there are others multigraphed by some industrious brothers or sisters on a sheet of note paper. Other Lodges adapt magazines, or issue supplements to magazines, of Lodge news and programmes.

The *Templar Messenger* of N.W. Yorks. District, represents another distinct class, combining, as it does, both magazine and guide, and serving as a very useful District Lodge organ.

For combined neatness of appearance, careful arrangement, interesting contents, and well drawn up programmes, many—indeed too many for the space at our disposal—deserve special and hearty commendation.

Your committee have felt that two principal considerations are involved in order to make a guide permanently efficient and successful, viz., that the information should be as complete as possible, and that it should be pecuniarily profitable. The former, in the case of a District, can be met by obtaining the programme of every Lodge, by omitting no Good Templar information of use to any section of the membership; making it the organ of communication between the District Lodge Executive and its members; giving full official lists of all officers and their work; including, as far as may be, particulars of all kindred Temperance organisations, with their programmes and announcements of meetings; and as far as practicable, all items of news, crisply composed, relating to the Order and the cause of Temperance, particular and personal, public and general. To this can be added, when thought needful, time and tram tables, and other similarly useful information.

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It goes without saying that in all cases the handbook should be shapely in form, of convenient

size, tasteful in colour, and what is of still more importance, exact and reliable in its information.

Your committee in reporting upon the character of the programmes, regret that in many cases the extremely vague and indefinite titles make it difficult to estimate with any accuracy the character of the meetings; such notices as "Paper by Bro. A.," "Sister B. responsible," may from the known local reputation of those members be an assurance that useful information or entertainment will be given; but to non-residents in the immediate locality but little meaning is conveyed; while such titles as "Five Minutes' Ghost Stories," "O my! Come and See," do not indicate a high tone of excellence in the provision made for the mental instruction and moral stimulus of the members. The weekly session Good of the Order programme deserves and demands the best and brightest energies and resources of the membership. It is not even sufficient to draw up a list of items that will simply look well in print, if no systematic and continuous effort be made to see to its suitable fulfilment.

It may be inevitable that the programme should shew some eameness, but there is surely far too much of such fare as "Brothers provide eatables, sisters drinkables"; "No refusal, or pay a penny"; "Mock auction"; "Reading and reciting"; "Try our lucky bag for 1d."; "Come and buy"; "Sawdust pie, 1d. per cut"; none of them shewing any great fertility of thought or refinement of feeling. The following are of a dubious kind, and neither useful nor ornamental to a programme or its Lodges:—"Bachelors and Bachelottes"; "Married Night"; "Synecocracy"; "Come and See, bring 1d. and spoon"; "Bricks and Ground Beans"; "Nail-driving Contest by Sisters."

The programmes are by no means improved or the Lodge elevated by "Exhange of Presents"; "Parlour Games"; "Needle-thrsading Contest—no Tailors admitted"; "Fun and Frolic"; "Brothers' Darning Stocking Contest"; "Pea-soup and Roast Potato Night—bring your own salt."

Very few of the foregoing can in any way make the Order admired by its friends, respected by the community, or feared by its enemies.

Felicitous phrasing too is sadly wanting, as in the question, "Are our sisters of any use in the Order?" The need of some kind of intelligent supervision over what is sent to the Press is here sufficiently demonstrated.

Your committee feel that the programme should set forth, at least in some measure, that the work of the Lodge is to disseminate Temperance truth, and should, therefore, not infrequently announce a public meeting undertaken with the full co-operation of the Lodge by a committee, the members of which should take some pains and expense to make the meeting successful. Many Lodges would find also that a few meetings in the quarter, opened to the public or to abstaining non-members at a certain hour, would be very useful. It is not so difficult now-a-days as it once was to convey instruction of a Temperance and general character looking at the ever accumulating stores of history, biography, travel, and the departments of ever-varying human life and experience, all of which readily furnish subjects and suggestions. Might not local gentlemen, not yet members of the Order, accustomed to public speaking, be occasionally invited to lecture, or lead a discussion, a recess being allowed for the time being? Some Lodges have adopted this with considerable advantage, and it will sometimes result in securing the speaker as a member.

Your committee desire especially to record their conviction that unless we have more systematic Temperance teaching in our Lodges, we shall still year by year have to lament heavy losses from our ranks. Our work is to rescue the fallen, and prevent others from falling; we should, therefore, make it our chief aim to instil into the minds of our members the truth as to the nature and properties of alcohol, which may serve their need in the hour of temptation and trial. We should instruct them in all the Temperance bills introduced into Parliament; and when an account is given of a summer tour on the Continent or elsewhere, let the licensing laws of the country, or the character and working of the Temperance organisation be a prominent feature in the report; or, if an "Evening with the Poets" be the entertainment for a session, let the selections be somewhat what one or more poets have said in favour of abstinence, thus familiarising our members with the Temperance facts and opinions expressed in poetry. If District Lodges will purchase diagrams (which can be procured for 18s. the set) illustrating the effects of alcohol upon the human body; also the collection of specimens illustrating the composition of various articles of food and drink (price £2 2s. the complete set, or separate sets can be bought at 3s. to 6s. the set) prepared by Messrs. Southall Bros., Birmingham, placing them at the disposal of some member willing to prepare short addresses and deliver in the Lodges, much useful information would be imparted; if prizes were offered for the best papers upon the addresses, an impetus might be given to the Lodges to arrange for them. The diagrams and specimens might also be utilised for public meetings when a charge is made, thus assisting the Lodge funds; and, further, they would prove invaluable in instructing the members of the Juvenile Temples.

It is necessary also that all sections in a Lodge should be interested, and the more varied and far-reaching the programme, the better; it should not be too high or dry, petty or profound; and never was it easier than now to steer clear of both miscellany and monotony. Many of the programmes are in themselves an education. The following are culled as samples of what is wanted:—"England's Portrait Gallery," "Work of the Temperance Societies, U.K.A., I.O.G.T., C.E.T.S. B.R.M." (each society being spoken to by a different member); "Leading Article in the Good Templars' Watchword, with Criticisms," "Temperance as a Power in Politics," "The Quiet Eye of a Tectotaler in his Holiday Rambles," "Ways of Making a Happy Home," "Heroes in 'Adam Bede,'" "Poetry Gleanings," "Short Papers on Good Templary, (1) its history, (2) principles and aims"; "Good Templar Discipline," "Elocution by Brothers, Harmony by Sisters"; "How can the Lodge and its Meetings be still Further Improved?" "Stump Orations on the Quarter's Work," "Newspaper Cuttings on Temperance," "Some Choice Book Companions."

Lodges should also aim at making the musical element prominent in the sessions: when an earnest member starts a choir in a Lodge, what a waking up of dry bones ensues! In these days of cheap music and simple methods of learning to sing, what facilities exist, and what vocal music is available! To form a singing class for learning, and giving at sessions and public meetings, glees, madrigals, part-songs, and choruses, would be to create a source of constant interest and instruction, which would be always at hand to furnish the required "go" and life that some of the Lodges are now dying for lack of.

In conclusion, the searches and studies of your committee make it evident that a printed programme is generally approved by our Districts and Subordinate Lodges; that a few of those in circulation shew considerable moral earnestness and happy inventiveness on the part of the compilers; that they serve by their frequent use and wide distribution as a periodical reminder of the existence, claims, and mission of the Lodge, and of its regular fixtures, and to the general public of the character, activity and versatility of the Good Templars' organisations. Your committee know well enough, however, that something more is required than a good programme to make a good Lodge; but it is also true that even a good Lodge will never long succeed without a good programme. A specimen programme is herewith included, with particulars as to price and style, by the help of which the most inexperienced members in an isolated Lodge may get some hint and suggestion in arranging and getting printed a programme, which may be one of the means to the end, all Good Templars worthy of the name, should ever have in view, viz., the Good of the Order.

For ordinary purposes the best shape for a Lodge programme is undoubtedly the three-fold one. Such a one is printed by the G.W.Sec., for instance, who would send to any applicant a specimen copy. The three-fold shape gives six pages—three outside and three inside. Nos. 1 and 3 outside pages, and No. 1 and half of No. 3 inside pages can be used for advertisements. The vacant pages for this purpose, if 200 copies be printed, are worth 3s. each to tradesmen. The half of No. 3 insids pages can be utilised for four sister Lodge announcements, say name, time, and place of meeting, at 6d. each; or to a tradesman for 2s., or two at 1s. each. The other half of the page will give space enough for the names and addresses of the W.C.T., W.Sec., W.F.S., E.S., L.D., and the conveners of the various committees. On No. 2 outside and No. 2 inside pages respectively, will be printed what is given below. In a four-leaved programme there would be, of course, room for more advertisements. This suggestion being carried out, the result would be best shewn in the secretary's balance sheet:—

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To 3 Tradesmen's advertisements at 8s. each	9	0	By Printing 200 programmes	11	0
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INDEPENDENT ORDER
OF
GOOD TEMPLARS

PROGRAMME.

August to November, 1886,
OF

"ESPRIT DE CORPS" LODGE,

No. 5,000 which meets every

MONDAY EVENING, at 8,

IN THE

INSTITUTE GEORGE-ST., SUMMERTOWN.

[Nelson-square Tram every 7 min.]

On receipt of this programme members will be aware that their Subscriptions for the new quarter are due, and that they should be paid without delay. The Terms begin with February, May, August, and November.

PROGRAMME.

1886.
Aug. 2.—Bank Holiday—Lodge Excursion.
" 9.—"Resignation of Government, Ministerial Statements and General Election."
" *16.—"With Drs. Richardson and Carpenter," by Bro. L. Stokes and Sister E. Prime.
" *23.—"Why did I join the Order?" Every member invited to say.
" 30.—"Should we have a Juvenile Temple?" Debate. D.L. Session Report.
Sep. *6.—"Is Prohibition practicable and possible?" Debate opened by the E.S.
" *13.—"Through our books;" Selections from Temperance Literature.
" *20.—Visits from and Entertainment by Sister Lodges.
" ,*27.—"Our Holidays." Short accounts.
Oct. 4.—Good Templar Tea and Public Meeting (See posters. The W.Sec. has leaflets for distribution).
" *11.—"Selections from 'Life Struggles,' with comments by the L.D."
" 18.—"Good Templary from various aspects." Short papers.
" *25.—"Esprit de Corps" Lodge Magazine. (MSS. to be in the hands of Bro. Quill by October 20).
Nov. 1.—An Election without bribery or undue influence. (Quarterly subscriptions due).
" *8.—Entertainment by "Itchen Valley" Glee Party.

The meeting opens at 8.40 p.m. on the evenings marked thus (*) to members' friends.

An appeal is hereby made to the whole membership in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, that the object of our existence be ever kept on the forefront of the Lodge programme; the goal is, not the diminution of drunkenness merely, but the banishment of the drink, and the extermination of the traffic; and to do the part expected of Good Templars in its accomplishment, much more careful preparation for, and thoughtful and whole-souled teaching in the weekly Lodge session is imperatively necessary.

Submitted in Faith, Hope, and Charity,
(Signed)
J. E. Poulter, A.G.S., Convener.
M. E. Dowra (Essex).
H. E. Young (Staffs., S.).
W. Horkirk (Northumberland).
D. Y. Scott (Warwick).

Presentation.—At the Paddington Lodge held at the Crown Coffee Tavern, Harrow-road, Paddington Green, on May 10th, Bro. R. Williams, W.C.T., on behalf of the members, presented a very beautiful marble timepiece to Sister R. Bird, W. Sec., in recognition of her kindness in making the officers' regalia and help generally at the starting of the above lodge. Bro. Williams spoke of Sister R. Bird and her husband in the highest possible terms and said the Lodge could be congratulated on having two such workers in it. Bro. Lucas, V.D., and Sister Shaw also spoke, and Bro. and Sister Bird thanked the Lodge for its kindness.

GRAND LODGE SESSION, 1887.

On Saturday, May 15, a meeting of the united District Executives of Middlesex, E. and M. Surrey, West Kent and Essex, was held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough, to discuss preliminaries with regard to the 1887 Session of Grand Lodge in London, and to elect the officers. MIDDLESEX was represented by Bro. W. Winton, D.C.T.; W. Sutherland, W.D.Co.; Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S.; Sister Shakespeare, D.V.T.; Bro. W. Rains, W.D.Ch.; and Bro. Lamhert, W.D.M. SURREY was represented by Bro. C. Pinhorn, D.C.T.; Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co.; Bro. J. Edwards, D.S.J.T.; Bro. R. Hyde, D.E.S.; Sister Shepheard, D.V.T.; Bro. J. Woollacott, W.D.T.; Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.D.Ch.; Bro. W. Shepheard, W.D.M.; Bro. N. W. Hubbard, P.D.C.T. KENT, W.:—Bro. J. Bowen, D.C.T.; Bro. McCubry, W.D.Co.; Bro. Baker, D.S.J.T.; Bro. Renshaw, D.E.S.; Sister Shorey, D.V.T.; Bro. Travers, W.D.S.; Bro. Hagley, W.D.Ch.; Bro. Hudson, W.D.T.; Bro. Drake, W.D.M. ESSEX:—Bro. W. Searle, D.C.T.; Bro. L. Crew, W.D.Co.

Bro. Pinhorn presided; in the midst of the proceedings, however, Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., entered, and was invited to preside. The officers of the Reception Committee were then elected as follow: Chairman, Bro. Winton; vice-chairman, Bro. Bowen; hon. sec., Bro. Pinhorn; treasurer, Bro. Searle. By this arrangement it will be seen that the four D.C.T.'s have each been allotted an office. An Executive Committee was to be formed with these officers and four members of each District body. Various matters were then discussed, and plans were projected that are at present too much in embryo to be published. At the conclusion of the business the Executives "tea'd" together, and the majority, if not all, remained for some time during the session of E. and M. Surrey D.L., reported in another column.

PRAYER MEETINGS IN LODGES.—On Thursday evening, May 13, a Convention meeting was held in the Lodge-room of the Happy Home Lodge, Crewe, presided over by Bro. J. Davies, D.C.T., who was supported by Bro. D. Hall, W.D.Co. Representatives were present from Joseph Malins Lodge, Crewe; Federal Lodge, Wheelock Heath; Hope of Nantwich, and Hope of Willaston Lodges. The proceedings opened with the election of Convention Secretary and Chaplain, after which Bro. G. Elliott, of the Happy Home Lodge, opened a debate on "Prayer Meetings in Lodges," by reading a paper in support of the following motion:—"That we consider Prayer Meetings held occasionally in the Lodges are beneficial, both to the members individually and to the Order in general." Bro. W. F. Darling, of the Joseph Malins Lodge, moved an amendment in the shape of a direct negative, and read a paper in support of his views. A discussion ensued, and eventually 20 voted for the motion and eight for the amendment.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.—Bro. JOHN Edwards, G.W.Co., being responsible for the programme of the Concilio et Labore Lodge on May 15th, made it an occasion of celebrating the 50th anniversary of his birth. Bro. Edwards presided, and no ordinary business being taken up, the programme was proceeded with. After a short address from the chairman expressive of his thanks for the kindness shewn him by the District, to which he in some measure held the high position of G.W.Co., songs were sung by Sisters Mounsey and Morriss, Bros. Ritchie, Dean, and Roberts; recitations by Sister Nellie Gibbon, and Bros. J. C. Johnson, Merrington, and Cotterill; Bro. William Adams performed on the concertina; and addresses were delivered by Bros. G. F. Cook, E. D. King, J. Shunner, S. Turner, and R. Hunter, eulogistic of Bro. Edwards' work and congratulatory on his elevation in the Order. Representatives from 25 other Lodges were present, and a very happy evening was spent. A plentiful supply of fruit, etc., was handed round by the sisters.

FOOD ADULTERATION.—Mr. Cassall, lecturing at the Health Exhibition, said: "Homœopathic Cocoas are well named, as they contain the smallest quantity of Cocoa." CADBURY'S COCOA is guaranteed pure, and we recommend the public to buy no other.—[ADVT.]

PRIZE PICTORIAL READINGS for Lodges, Temples Bands of Hope, &c., in packets, containing 20 different kinds. Price 6d. each packet, post free from John Kempster and Co., 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London E.C.—[ADVT.]

THE PUBLICAN!

BY BRO. JOHN ADAMS (Victory Lodge, Dresden, Staff.)

Oh, round and rosy publican,
With genial, shining face,
Well may you smile; you golden pile—
The profits of your place—
Swells day by day to make you gay
From misery and disgrace.

The woe of others is your weal—
Their squalor, want and crime,
Those wasted features that reveal
The ravages of time;
The forms that sink, borne down by drink,
Go far to make your prime.

Behold you haggard wretch who glares
Within your brilliant room,
With fifty winters' load of cares
To whelm her face in gloom,
Who seeks to drag, with tears and prayers,
Her drunken husband home.

Behold those children in the street,
That shivering await,
Hung with thin rags, with naked feet,
And nought to hunger sate,—
Save mouldy scraps, by want made sweet,—
Ay, scraps the dogs disdain to eat,
At home an empty grate.

At home! Contrast their home with yours,
Where, through your cursèd tap,
Her golden treasure Fortune pours
Unceasing in your lap;
Your laughing girls with fluttering curls,
Your dame with ribboned cap.

Your larder plenteously stored,
Your ingle bright and warm;
The mighty joint to crown your board,
Your snuggly-padded form,
And no wide chink to make you shrink
The howling winter storm.

Your curtained room and downy bed—
You cellar damp and deep,
Where huddled children lay their head
On the hard earth to sleep,
Or crouching hours in cold and dread,
Their darksome vigil keep.

In dread of him, their father vile,
Whose fury oft is spent
On their weak frames. Before your smile
He drank to his content,
And staggered there, not half a mile
From your establishment.

From your establishment, mine host,
The haunt of sin and shame—
You, who grandiloquently toast
Your "Sovereign Lady's" name;
And largely mouth your British boast
Of liberty and fame!

You, with your reputation pure,
A man of good estate,
A warden of the church, be sure,
With slow and pompous gait—
Maybe a guardian of the poor—
Those poor your class create.

On Saturday, with placid smile,
Your weekly gains are told;
At church, in ostentatious style,
The weekly plate you hold,
Nor ever blush that you defile
God's House with Satan's gold.

Religious interest you affect,
The world's regard your drift,
Behold, o'er tithes of fortune wrecked
The cleric hands uplift;
Oh, publican, do you expect
A blessing on your gift?

May the drink-made widow's deep despair
Ring in your offered coin;
May the drink-made orphan's briny tear,
Taste bitter in your wine,
When with cup and plate you celebrate
A sacrifice Divine!

Well may your sign be raised on high,
The rampant lion crowned;
Your house his den, where foolish men
Are willing victims found,
Shielded by law, his greedy maw
Spreads desolation round.

But for the wretches that repine,
For blighted heart and brain,
For eyes with maniac fire that shine,
For misery of the sane;
The vulture is your fitting sign
That broods upon the slain.

The ghastly, filthy bird that flits
Above the carnage field;
Upon the mangled brow that sits
By death but lately sealed,
The flesh that pulls from gory skulls,
In battle shock that reeled.

You, while you swell your daily hoard
By traffic hell-designed;
Cringe to the golden god adored
Of your perverted mind;
Paint this device upon your board,
Oh, vulture of mankind!

From *The Banner of Temperance*. (See G.W.C.T.'s "Note Book.")

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

GOOD TEMPLARS IN THE PROCESSION.

The second day of her Majesty's visit to Liverpool was essentially the people's day. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable for any grand display, but, wet as it was, the proceedings were marked with great enthusiasm. The members of our Order mustered in good force, nearly 1,500 being in the procession, 500 of whom were sisters, who braved future dangers from damp feet, &c. At 9 o'clock the members began to assemble in London road, and headed by the City of Liverpool Good Templar Brass Band, under the leadership of Bro. Finney, Standard Lodge, marched to the appointed place to join the main body, and although the Good Templars were last in the order of march, they were not the least in prominence. After the band came a "lorry," which was made to represent "The Drunkard's Home," the character of the drunken "woman" being assumed by Bro. Beeson, of the Mersey Enterprise Lodge, whose wretched clothing and uncombed hair, of a carroty hue, needed no explanation; and by her side sat an equally drunken specimen—her husband—and a ragged and dirty-faced urchin, their child. They had certainly a "roof to their heads," but the only furniture they possessed consisted of two old chairs, minus bottoms, an old jug, and a grid-iron, which was used more to beat the "wife" than cook a steak. The moral of this illustration was plain. After this came another "lorry," representing "The Teetotaler's Home." Here were grouped well-dressed men and women, with three or four nicely dressed children. The furniture of this home consisted of a sofa, hair-seated chairs, and harmonium, all of which were typical of the teetotaler's house. Both of the illustrations were witnessed with interest by thousands who lined the streets, and could not fail to do good. The arrangements for the Good Templar part of the procession were carried out by a joint committee of Good Templars and Rechabites, our Order being represented on the committee by Bros. M. Jones, W.D.S.; Pickersgill, D.E.S.; Room, Denny, Fisher, Newby, Jakeman, and others.

J. P.

OBITUARY.

Bro. Baker, P.W.C.T., Buckingham.—On Monday last a considerable number of the members of the Buckingham Lodge attended the funeral of Bro. Baker, a P.W.C.T., and the oldest abstainer in the town. Almost all the members wore regalia, several sisters being present, and all the bearers were brothers. The Blue Ribbon Society was represented by the president, and the District Lodge by the D.C.T.

TRICYCLISTS AT THE GOOD TEMPLAR ORPHANAGE.—The usual Saturday run of the South London Tricycle Club was taken to the Orphanage, at Sunbury, on the afternoon of the 15th inst., when 23 members and six visitors attended, a number that would have been exceeded but for the unfavourable morning and strong wind. Eight ladies were included in the party. Tea was provided in the schoolroom of the institution. Shortly after eight o'clock, the long procession of tricycles and tandems left the building for the homeward journey in the bright moonlight and favoured by the wind which had so retarded the ride down. The route taken was from the club headquarters at Loughborough Junction, S.E., over Clapham and Wandsworth Commons, thence through Barnes, Richmond, and Twickenham to Sunbury Common; back by by Hampton, Kingston, and Coombe Hill, the total distance being about 34 miles. The South London Tricycle Club is the foremost association of its kind in London. Its chief executive officers are total abstainers, as also a large proportion of its membership. Among the members present on Saturday were Sister Rolfe, Bros. Wood, P.G.W.T., Rolfe, P.G.S.J.T. (hon. sec. S.L.T.C.), Hillier, and Bateman, while others were necessarily absent owing to the meeting of the E. and M. Surrey District Lodge.

BRO. ROSSBOTTOM is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[ADVT.]

DISTRICT LODGES.

*** It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

East and Mid Surrey.—The quarterly session was held on Saturday, May 15, at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough, S.E., under circumstances the most gratifying. Owing to the Executives of the three neighbouring districts being present at the united meeting held earlier in the afternoon, concerning the G.L. Session of 1887, no less than 22 of these distinguished visitors were introduced to the Lodge with Bro. Maline, G.W.C.T., at their head, and the sight of such a goodly array has not before been witnessed in the D.L. The announcement of a visit of the G.W.C.T. naturally drew a crowded attendance, which reached quite 300 during the sitting. The Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m. by Bro. Pinhorn, D.C.T. The Third Degree was conferred upon six applicants, and three sisters were received into membership in the D.L. After this the following visitors were introduced:—Bro. J. Malins, G.W.C.T.; Bro. W. Winton, G.W.Ch., and D.C.T., Middlesex; Bro. Plyman, A.G.S., and D.C.T., West Surrey; Bro. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M.; Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co.; Sister Shakespeare, W.D.V.T.; Bro. Jones, D.E.S.; Bro. Rains, W.D.Ch.; Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T.; Bro. Lambert, W.D.M.; Sister Haarnack, P.D.V.T.,all of Middlesex; Bro.S.W.Tysoe, W.D.Ch., Beds; Bro. Robinson. P.D.E.D., Berks; Bro. Searle, D.C.T., and L. Crow, W.D.Co., Essex; Bro J. Bowen, D.C.T.; Bro. Renshaw, D.E.S.; Bro. Baker, D.S.J.T.; Sister Shorey, D.V.T.; Bro. Hagley, W.D.Ch.; Bro. Drake, W.D.M.; Bro. Travers, W.D.S., of West Kent. On Bro. Malins assuming the chair lusty cheers testified to the pleasure his presence gave to the D.L. The reports of the officers were then taken. The D.C.T. could not ask them to rejoice that they made headway in recovering their serious losses. They, however, still occupied the second highest place in the lists of D.L.'s, and the losses for the term were less than usual, and were actually covered by the members in two newly instituted Lodges. The annual sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. A. W. Jephson. The Thorneloe memorial had been completed,and a memorial service on Good Friday had fittingly announced this to the public. The Lodges had arranged for four Temperance sermons to be preached, and had held 90 public meetings. The report referred to the fact that the G.L. would meet next year in London, and urged the members not to wait for the session to be the harbinger of revival, but that they should at once face their difficulties, shake off what hindered their progress, and go resolutely forward. The report was adopted with applause. On a motion duly proposed, slips of paper were distributed to those present, soliciting donations towards the deficiency in the Thorneloe Memorial Fund, and £4 6s. was promised. About £10 more will be required to close the accounts. Bro. Hyde, D.E.S., detailed his work for the quarter, and gave expression to his hopes and fears, and the report was adopted. Bro. Edwards, D.S.J.T., regretted that owing to the returns not being in the hands of the S.J.T.s in time, he had no report to submit. Bro. Hodges, W.D.S., reported the following figures: members returned last quarter, 2,958; initiated, 269; admitted by clearance card, 54; other sources, 35; suspended, 220; withdrawn, 58; left by c.c., 79; present membership, including 96 associates, 3,017, an increase of 15 members. Bro. Hodges urged that secretaries of Lodges should make more use of the gummed duplicate of returns, which is required to be stuck in the minute book. If this were done a great deal of time would be saved all round. The report was unanimously adopted, and with cheers. At this stage of the proceedings short inspiriting addresses,teeming with good advice, were delivered by Bros. Winton, Plyman, Skinner, and Bowen. Bro. Malins, in an amusing speech, presented on behalf of the District Lodge a silver teapot to Bro. N. W. Hubbard, P.D.C.T., in recognition of his valuable services during some eight years of Executive labours. Bro. Hubbard, in reply, observed that he felt gratified that his work for the Order had been noticed by his brothers and sisters, and hoped to continue amongst them for many years to come. He heartily thanked them for their present which his children would much treasure. The teapot bears the following inscription: "Independent Order of Good Templars. East and Mid Surrey District Lodge. Presented to Bro. N. W. Hubbard in recognition of his untiring devotion during the period he occupied the offices of District Electoral Deputy, Worthy District Counsellor, and District Chief Templar. May 15, 1886." As an item of interest and something in point the G.W.C.T. incidentally mentioned that the builder, a Good Templar, of one of the first Temperance halls in the kingdom, erected a vane on the building, on the cross piece of which a teapot was placed on one end, and a cup and saucer on the other, as a most appropriate emblem for such an edifice. A leading feature of the session was to have been the adjourned debate on the Executive's report on the state of the Order in the District; and on their proposed remedies for the better carrying out of the work, the G.W.C.T. based a speech of some 90 minutes' duration, in the course of which he reiterated to some extent the excellent ideas enunciated in his "Good of the Order" speech at Middlesex a short time since, and so obviated the necessity of a miscellaneous debate by the Lodge. At the close of Bro. Malins' address the suggestions of the Executive were adopted as a whole and without comment. They are as follow,and could with great advantage be carried out the country over:—(*a*) Engaging in open-air work. (*b*) Holding mass meetings of our own members, the arrangements and expenses being similar to those for a public meeting. (*c*) Quarterly tea or re-union meetings in connection with each Lodge. (*d*) Well organised and well advertised public meetings. (*e*) Reporting even ordinary Lodge meetings to local journals, taking care that the meeting reported reflects credit upon the Order. (*f*) By notice-boards and similar means, advertising the time and place of meeting, especially *at* the place of meeting, with a light at time of meeting so that it can be read. (*g*) More attention to well arrange the Lodge-room and Lodge programme; (*h*) suggested maximum of membership in a Lodge so as to find employment for all; *(finally)* a more "devoted seeking for Divine strength and wisdom, leading to increased energy, persaverance, tact, endurance, forbearance, &c., that shall lead us to seek those in need of being rescued, and winning back those who have laboured with us in the past." By a unanimous vote a petition was ordered to be sent to the House of Commons, praying that body to pass in its entirety Mr. Conybeare's Bill prohibiting the sale of liquor to children. After the reports of the Marriage and Credential Committees had been received, a hearty vote of thanks, adopted with acclaim, was accorded the G.W.C.T. for his presence and counsel, and the session was formally closed.

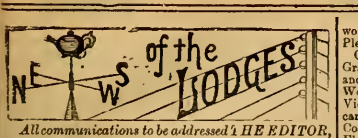
South-East Lancashire—Talbot-street Mission Room, Glossop, Saturday, May 15.—All the officers were present, save the W.D.Ch. and the W.D.G. The District Deputy's report contained a brief account of the change brought about in his office, reported the institution of two new Lodges and one Degree Temple, and strongly appealed to the members present to do all in their power to advance the Order by means of mission work. The W.D.Sec.'s report contained the following information. Number on books last year, 2,620; received into the Order this quarter, 482; total, 3,102; suspended, 353; with by card, 46; from Order, 103; deaths, 3; expelled, 5; leaving number on books, 2,592; being a decrease of 28. The report went on to explain that Lodges which contained 83 members at the beginning of last quarter had not reported yet. When these are to hand, the probability is that we shall be able to report a fair increase. The Executive report dealt with the work that the Executive has been engaged in during the quarter: appointing all standing committees, visits to 37 Lodges, noted the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. J. R. Weatherill, P.D.E.S., and the effects caused by the dispute between the District Council, and the P.G.S.J.T. The report also announced that Bro. J. Edwards, G.W.Co., had accepted the post of organising agent in the District, and appealed to the Lodges to make use of his services. The W.D.Tr.'s report shewed a sum of 19s. 9d. of income in excess of expenditure and that of the official handbook a slight balance of income over expenditure. The P.A. presented a report of his work, in which he reviewed the several Bills before Parliament affecting the drink question, advised Lodges in the choice of E.S.'s, and made a general appeal to the membership to bring Temperance politics into greater prominence. Bro. Cowen, secretary of the P.A. Committee, also read a report of the work of his committee. Bro. Whatmough, P.W.D.S., gave a full report of the proceedings at G.L. The Credential Committee reported 61 Reps. from 45 Lodges, 23 L.D.'s and S.J.T.'s, and 19 past officers, &c.—total, 103. The Mileage Committee's report was adopted. The D.C.T having resigned his position during the past quarter, Bro. J. G. Tolton, W.D.Co., was unanimously elected to that office, and recommended for commission as D.D. Bro. Whatmough, P.W.D.Sec., was, after a sharp contest, elected to the post of W.D.Co., vacant by the elevation of Bro. Tolton. The Juvenile difficulty came in for a long discussion. After appointing a special committee on the subject, which sat for an hour considering the matter, the District Lodge (on the recommendation of the committee) decided not to endorse the recommendations of the Council, but to appoint a special committee to meet in Oldham, to go into the whole matter of dispute, and to report, the District Lodge deciding that such report should be final. The District Council's report gave no information as to membership. Eccles is to be the next place of meeting. The D.L. adjourned at 9.55.

North Stafford.—Smallthorne, May 17. The Lodge was called to order at 1.30 by Bro. Thomas Johnson, D.C.T. There was a good attendance. The D.C.T. reported three new Lodges had been opened during the term, the result of Lodges going and holding sessions in outlying places. He hoped they would still go on till every place had its Lodge. Bro. J. Walshaw, D.S.J.T., reported a membership of 740 in eight Temples. Bro. J. Lewis, D E.S., reported what little he had done. Bro. F. Lovelock, W.D.S., reported 1,000 members, but a few reports to come in. Bro. J. W. Beswick, W.D.T., reported a small balance in hand. The reports were adopted. The report of representatives to G.L. was read by Bro. J. Walshaw, and was well received by the Lodge. Bros. W. Whatmough, W.D.Co., and H. Hulme, L.D., from S.E. Lancashire D. Lodge were received with honours, and addressed the Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was given them for their visit and advice. It was decided to allow L.D. to confer the Third Degree, and that the bye-law be altered to read "That all members, D.L.Reps. included, shall pay an annual subscription." A public tea was held, followed by a public meeting, Bro. Johnson presiding. Addresses were given by Bro. Rev. J. Ferguson, J. Dawson, J. Wilshaw, D.S.J.T., and J. W. Beswick, W.D.T. Singing by choir, recitations by members of the Sunflower Lodge. The meeting was well attended and very interesting.

West Gloucester.—The quarterly session was held in the Maudlin-street Schoolroom, Bristol, on Saturday, May 15, the whole of the Executive officers being present. The Lodge was called to order by the D.C.T. Bro. J. W. Padfield, at 2.15 p.m. After the usual opening ceremonies the D.C.T. presented an interesting report of the past quarter's labours, and reviewed at length the legislative work at the recent G.L. Session. The D.S.J.T. was unable to present a report owing to returns not being received in time. The W.D.Sec. reported a good increase on the past quarter, and urged the desirability of renewed efforts to keep going the same way. The D.E.S. reported upon political action during the quarter, and was glad to report that the Bristol Auxiliary of the U.K.A. had been restarted, and that several members of the Order had joined the Local Committee. The W.D.Tr. reported—balance due to treasurer on general fund of £3 1s. 3d.; balance in hand of £17 7s. 3d. on Mission Fund; and balance due to treasurer of £10 0s. 3d. on *True Templar* account, most of which latter was out standing. Reports of Standing Committees and of V. Deputies were then taken, after which Bro. Davis, D.S.J.T., Wilts; Sister Davies, S.J.T., Wilts; and Bro. Hunt, S.J.T., Wilts, addressed the meeting. Lodge adjourned at 5.40 p.m. for tea, and re-assembled at 7 p.m., when the Degree of Charity was conferred upon eight members. An animated discussion was held as the evening session upon a motion respecting the fixing of day for quarterly and annual sessions. For some time past the majority of reps. and officers have been in favour of the sessions being held on Mondays, but they had not a sufficient vote. The following motion was adopted: "That the day of meeting of D.L. be a standing order to be fixed prior to election of officers at each annual session, for the year following by a majority vote of Reps. and Supts. of Temples." The case of a brother who had suffered a loss by fire was then considered, and a collection on his behalf realised £2 8s. The next place of meeting was left to D. Executive. Lodge closed at 10 p.m., after a very interesting and useful session.

THE MILITARY D.L. AND THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.—Those of our readers who belong to the Independent Order of Good Templars, or take an interest in the Temperance movement generally, will peruse with interest our report of the proceedings at the annual Grand Lodge Session at Newport, in Easter week. One of the most pleasing incidents was the presentation to the representatives of the Military and the Monmouth districts, of the Challenge Shields, given to those districts which show the largest proportionate increase in membership during the year. In 1881 the Adult Shield, which is valued at £35, was won by the Military District. It was again secured in 1884 and 1885 by the Military district, and becomes now, therefore, their absolute property. One of the leaders of the Military District is Mr. O. G. L. Jones,of the Army Staff Department at Colchester, who occupies the post of District Chief Templar, and is a most conscientious, active, and energetic worker on bchalf of the Temperance cause in the Colchester Garrison. The shield was won in 1881 by 26 per cent.; in 1884, by 57 per cent.; and in 1885 by 40 per cent., the percentage which came nearest to the winners in the latter year being 19. Without, of course, espousing the principles of Good Templary, we may offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. Jones upon the triumph the Military District has won. It is a remarkable coincidence that the representatives of the winning districts bore the well-known names of Jones and Smith in the Military, and Brown and Davis (Monmouth). The same thing happened last year.—*Essex Telegraph.*

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]



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"The News of the Lodges should constitute a public record for the important events in connection with ordinary Lodge Sessions, Public Meetings, Anniversaries, &c., in connection with the Order. It should refer, not to matters of mere local interest and to the every-day occurences of ordinary Lodge Sessions, but to such matters as are of national importance interesting alike to all classes of readers, stimulating some, encouraging others, and rejoicing all. For this purpose it should make mention of Essays and Papers read, of competitions in Reciting, Reading, and Singing, Temperance Bees, Question Box, and such like. And, *Once a Quarter*, the total number initiated or admitted by c.c., the total of membership, &c., may be given. Singing, Reciting, &c., at ordinary Lodge Sessions should not be reported, as the same names of singers, reciters, &c., occur week after week, and such news can only be of limited local interest. When, however, a Public Anniversary, or other Meeting or Demonstration in connection with the Order takes place, the names may be given of the chairman and of those taking part, and to save space these should be classified thus: Chairman, ——. Songs by ——. Recitations by—— &c., &c.

Lodge News should be sent as early as possible, and cannot be received after Tuesday morning for insertion in the following issue, except from Lodges meeting on Tuesday night, from which reports can be taken up to 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

METROPOLITAN.

Baker-street.—"Alliance of Marylebone." May 10. Installation of officers. One initiated. Sister Brown, W.Sec., gave an interesting report of a visit which we paid to a sister Lodge the previous week, showing that 25 of our members attended and entertained. Bro. Gifford presented the Lodge with a handsome water jug and glasses to match, on behalf of an anonymous donor, who received a very hearty vote of thanks. Officers' reports were very satisfactory.

Cronch End.—"Harringay." April 1st. Visited and entertained by Finsbury Progress Lodge.—April 21. Sacred night; visited and entertained with sacred songs and solos by a few members of Seven Sisters' Lodge.—April 28. Election of officers:—L.D. and L.E.S., Bro. Bannister; W.C.T., Sister (Mrs.) Bannister; W.V.T., Sister Mabel Holmes; W.S., Sister (Mrs.) Holmes.—May 5. Officers' reports read and adopted, that of W.T. shewed a good balance in hand. Bro. Winton, D.C.T., after installing the officers, gave a practical address; two joined on c.c.—May 10. Tea and entertainment to celebrate the sixth anniversary. A goodly company sat down to an excellent tea; congratulations on the occasion followed. Bro. Halford chairman. After a little harmony Bro. Sutherland, W.D.Co., gave an interesting address.—April 12. Entertained by members and Bro. Easton, W.D.A.S., who gave a song and recitation.

Loughborough Junction.—"William Tweedie." May 12. Digest of D.L. read. Bro. Pike appointed D.L. Rep. Programme for evening was readings from Dickens' works. Bros. Stone and Morrison gave interesting selections, after which the Lodge was closed by Bro. Gover, W.C.T., and Bro. Gardener, L.D. The former read Dickens's "Gabriel Grubb," while the latter illustrated the same with dissolving views. A very pleasant evening spent. Lodge working well.

Holborn.—"Temple." April 19. Election and installation: Bro. Fairweather, W.C.T.; Sister Greenwood, W.V.T.; Bro. Fellows, W.S. Installed by Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T. Programme adopted, including some valuable papers by well-known brothers. Increase of four reported during the quarter. Total membership, 48.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." May 14. The Lodge celebrated its 13th anniversary with a coffee supper and drawing-room entertainment; Bro Tierney W.C.T., presiding. Songs and duets were given by Miss Wright, Miss Willis, Miss Andrews, Miss A. Jones, and Miss L. Jones, Mr. H. Banks, and Mr. J. Jones; pianoforte solos by Mr. F. Turner. The room was set out in Lodge style, with carpet and mat laid and flowers on the tables, which had a striking effect. Over 100 were present; several names given in for membership. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Brixton.—"Gresham." May 13. Entertained by new officers, Bros. Marrillier, Ventris, Warton, Churcher, and Sisters Lamford and Bowley taking part. Digest of business for D.L. session read. Invitation from William Tweedie Lodge accepted. Resolved to advertise Lodge in WATCHWORD Visitors' Guide for twelve months.

Cambridge Heath Bridge.—"Artisan." April 24. Magazine night; first issue edited by Bro. Lloyd; contributed by Bros. Hill, Hemsley, T. G. Craft, J. Hill, and the editor. An animated discussion ensued on the various articles that were read.—May 1. Election of officers; the W.C.T., W.F.S., and W.T. were re-elected.—May 8. Visit from Homerton's Hope Lodge, who entertained in an excellent manner, which included duets, songs, recitations &c.

Wandsworth-road.—"New Clapham Excelsior." May 12. Officers' reports read and adopted. Officers installed by Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D. Programme—officered and entertained by visitors. Bro. W. Headlam, W.C.T., gave a short address; songs by Sister Parker, Bros. Sutherland, and J. Hooper; address, Bro. Manning; recitations, Bros. Grace and Snelling; few words from Bro. and Sister Slade and Bro. T. C. Macrow. Pleasant session; large number of visitors present.

Chelsea.—"James McCurry." May 13. Ono proposed. Greetings exchanged with Redruth, Sheerness, Luton, and the Channing Lodge. Bros. Nichols, sen., and Wood elected delegates for Church Demonstration for Victoria Hospital for Children. Musical night, well carried out by Bros. Grigg, Nichols, jun., Eagle, West, Colbert, Howard, Sisters Seagers, Toombs, jun., and Flood. Good attendance.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." May 15. The arrangements which had been made for the open meeting proved a great success, the room being filled with a highly respectable audience. The London Olive Branch Lodge were the entertainers, and carried up an strong force. Bro. Ansell gave a cordial invitation to visitors to sign the pledge and become members of the Order. WATCHWORDS sold during the evening, and two names given in for membership. Bro. Courtney, of New Zealand, spoke words of cheer and encouragement.

New Cut.—"George Thornelee." May 16. The Lodge occupied the platform of the Vulcan Temperance Society on Sunday evening, Bro. Heartfield, W.Tr., in the chair. Short addresses were given by Bros. Maiden (W.Sec.), A. Smith (W.C.), and Adams (Sent.); singing by Bro. Maiden, Sister Maiden (W.V.T.), and Sister Clements. Bro. Reeves, L.D., gave an earnest address. At the close three signed the pledge.

Chelsea.—"Queen's Messenger." April 14. Bro. G. Underwood re-elected L.D. for the fifth time; Sister K. Underwood elected E.Supt.—May 7. One received on c.c. The W.Sec. reported 52 members in good standing, being a slight increase. Election of officers:—Bro. Long, W.C.T.; Sister Cowdrey, W.V.T.; Bro. Radburn, W.Sec. (re-elected); Sisters Matkin and Cowdrey elected D.L.Reps. Installed by Bro. G. Underwood, L.D. Bro. Mc Mason presented the Lodge with handbooks from G.L. Sister Cowdrey presented the Lodge with a visitors' book. Short address from L.D.E and W.C.T. A very profitable session; WATCHWORDS sold.

Holloway.—"Morning Star." May 7. Special meeting to consider whether Lodge discontinue its meetings or not; animated discussion. Resolved to continue another quarter, also resolved to have an open meeting every other week, and invite neighbouring Lodges to assist. Ono admitted as associate. Sister Houghton recommended as L.D. Election of officers then took place. Bro. Gearing, W.C.T.; Sister Panter, sen., W.V.T., Bro., G. Prouse, W.Sec.

Hackney.—"Homerton Hope." May 13. Greetings received from and exchanged with Southampton Lodge per a visiting brother, who gave a short account of the Temperance work in Southampton. The programme being songs and recitations, a pleasant evening was spent by both members and visitors.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." May 13. One initiated. Committee appointed to arrange for the anniversary. Invitation accepted to visit the Morning Star Lodge. Musical night; solos, duets, trios, by Bros. Carter, North, A. Leadbeater, W. Leadbeater, R. Watts, G. Parncutt, and E. Thurburn; songs by Sister Carter and Bro. G. Parncutt. Greetings exchanged with the Pride of the Lea Lodge.

Waterloo-road.—"South London," May 7.—Reports and election of officers. W.Secs' report shewed a decrease on the quarter in the membership. The W.F.S. and Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £1 4s. Election of officers:—Bro. J. Woollacott, W.C.T.; Sister Miss Thoms, W.V.T.; Bro. Salmon, W. Sec. Installed by Sister Woollacott, L.D. Very good attendance.—May 14. Motion carried unanimously to suspend all business at 9.15 every session. Bro. Humphreys, as registrar, presented report of the attendance of members for the past quarter. The E.S., Bro. Salmon, made clear to those present the political principles of the Order, and the present position of Temperance politics. Bro. Paddington, C.S., also spoke. WATCHWORD's sold.

Camberwell Green.—"James Eaton." May 18. Visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., who presided. Two candidates initiated. Report of D.L. read by Bro. Jeater and adopted. Half an hour pleasantly passed by "turning out the W.C.T."

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." May 18. Open Lodge, Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T., presiding. Bro. Matkin, Sisters Harding, Young, Morris, Richards, Bro. Woods, Sisters A. Turney, Shepherd, F. Turney, Matkin, Cook, Bro. J. Green, Sister Moyse, and others took part in the programme. Short address by Bro. T. C. Macrow, L.D. WATCHWORDS taken in regularly.

Balham.—"Welcome Home." April 29. Bro. Barton's night. It being the anniversary of our brother's birthday, he provided a capital programme, consisting of songs and recitations, which were most thoroughly enjoyed, the Lodge-room being full. Refreshments, fruit, &c., were provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent. May 6. The members attended St. Andrew's Hall to hear a public debate between Mr. James Saunders (acting under the auspices of the Licensed Victuallers' Alliance, London), and Mr. Louis Dell (member of the Balham and Tooting Gospel Temperance Union); subject, "Would the Total Suppression of the Traffic be Practicable and Just for the Nation at Large." The Order was well represented—members wearing regalia as also were the I.O.R., and Sons of Temperance.—May 13. Election and installation of officers and reports. The following officers were elected:—W.C.T., Bro. Hawkins (re-elected); W.Sec., Sister Spurging; W.V.T., Sister Briggs. Installed by Sister Spurging, L.D. Letter was read from Mr. Louis Dell, thanking the members for supporting him at his debate at St. Andrew's Hall. Lodge making progress.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." May 6. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Houghton, sen.; W.V.T., Sister Waller; W.Sec., Bro. Pallatt. Officers installed by Bro. Hilton, L.D. D.L. Digest read.—May 13. Two initiated. Lodge adjourned at 9.15 for Degree meeting. Second Degree conferred on four candidates by L.D., followed by Third Degree meeting, when the L.D. instructed us in the unwritten work of each Degree.

Upper Clapton.—"Upper Clapton." May 17. Bro. E. A. Gibson, W.C.T., presiding. United gathering of Lodges. The following were represented: Citizen, London, Trinity, Homerton's Hope, Chepstow Castle, High Cross, Hackney Mission, Victoria Park, Royal Alexandra's Pride, Clapton Park, and Mentor. A capital programme provided by the visiting members of songs and recitations, and the following members addressed the Lodge: Sister Gibson, P.W.D.V.T., Bro. Dennis, P.V.D., Bro. Davis, V.D., Bro. Howe, L.D., Bro. Tugvell, Bro. Hughes, and Bro. Farthing. There was a very large attendance of visitors.

PROVINCIAL.

RAINHAM.—"Garden of Kent." April 8. Open session in Public Hall. Lecture on "Food Reform" by the Rev. W. J. Monk, M.A., vicar of Dodington; chairman, Mr. E. J. Middleton, of New Brompton.—April 22. Spinsters' night, who filled the offices and entertained with speeches, choruses, and readings; they also presented each bachelor brother with a piece of their own wedding cake; four initiated and two proposed. Farewell meeting with Bro. R. Smitherman, who sailed the following Saturday for America; the members presented him with an address and Grand Lodge regalia as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by them during his seven years' connection with the Lodge; 70 members present.—May 6. Election and installation: W.C.T., Bro. Dines; W.V.T., Sister Hodge; W.Sec., Bro. J. Kemp; 118 members in good standing; increase of 17 during the quarter; WATCHWORDS on sale at every session.

HAVERHILL.—"Never Venture, Never Win." April 26. Social evening—members and friends—50 present. Songs, glees, recitations, &c., were given by Sisters Pe. Unwin, P. Backler, J. Rash, M. A. Webb; Bros. J. C. Sharpe, D. S. Smith, J. Bigmore, F. Sharpe, G. Gowers, and S. Sharpe. Refreshments were provided; very pleasant evening.—May 3. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. F. D. Unwin; W.V.T., Sister E. Unwin; W.Sec. Bro. F. Sharpe. The secretary's report shewed an increase of 14 members on the term; one initiated.—May 10. Two initiated and two proposed; devotional evening.

LOWESTOFT.—"Freedom." April 28. The W.Sec.'s report shewed that the Lodge had made favourable progress during the quarter, 14 new members being initiated. The W.F.S. report also shew a balance to the good, like a true sign of solid progress. Election of officers:—W.C.T., Bro. H. Beans; W.V.T., Sister Sterry; W.Sec., Bro. Summett. Bro. J. P. Mickleburgh was recommended as L.D., and Bro. Falger as E.D.—May 5. Proposed that the Welcome Lodge, Lowestoft; the Heart and Hand Tent of Rechabites; and the Bethel Lodge, Yarmouth be invited to visit during the quarter. Invitations accepted.—May 12. The L.D. conferred Second and Third Degrees on nine members.

BOLTON.—"Claremont." May 6. Election, &c. Three initiated; one admitted on c.c.; a brother from the Wellington Lodge, Rawul Pindi, India, who brought his card, through seeing the Lodge in the Visitors' Guide in the WATCHWORD. W.D.Mar. present; pleasant evening spent.

COAL ASTON.—"Home of Peace and Safety." May 1. Election and installation of officers. Bro. Kent was elected W.C.T.; Bro. J. Robinson, W.V.T.; Sister Havenhand, W.S. After all had been installed, the members and several visitors were invited to supper by Bro. Unwin. His. 6d. was collected for new regalias. Votes of thanks to Bro. Unwin and the visitors brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—May 8. Cricket match between the members of the Home of Peace and Safety and the Hope of Heeley Lodges. [Please write only on one side of the paper.]

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—"Castle and Anchor." May 6. Election and installation of officers: W.C.T., Bro. J. T. Quinton; W.V.T., Sister M. Sheraton (re-elected); W.Sec., Bro. J. H. Howe. The retiring W.Sec. (Bro. Lockenby) reported an increase of six on the quarter, making the total membership 112; splendid attendance; keen contest for nearly every office; installed by Bro. F. G. Dixon, L.D.

LEAMINGTON SPA.—"Feeling Heart." April 29. Public meeting; Bro. Thurgar entertained the meeting by his very clever conjuring tricks, &c.—May 6. Election and installation of officers; Bro. H. Payne, V.D., re-elected W.C.T.; Bro. Alcock, W.S. The financial secretary and treasurer's report shewed that the Lodge was in a good financial condition. One initiated.

CHELTENHAM.—"St. Mark's Samaritan." May 3. Visited by Bro. Clarke, D.Co., of S.W. Lancs. who installed the officers: W.C.T., Sister Ivin; W.V.T., Sister Roberts; W.S., Bro. Rushton. Report shewed increase of five, and a balance of 19s. 6d.—May 10. One initiated. Songs, addresses, &c. by various members; greetings received from several Indian and Portsmouth Lodges, per Bro. Staite, late of India.

EAST DEREHAM.—"Centre of Norfolk." May 4. The W.S. reported good work had been done during the past quarter, including four public meetings, the formation of a brass band of 20 performers, under the leadership of Bro. G. H. Cooper; an increase of 15 members. The S.J.T. also reported a large increase in the Temple. Election of officers: Bro. J. Secker, W.C.T.; Sister Bush, W.V.T.; Bro. B. Chaplin, W.S. Installed by Bro. H. Edwards, L.D. Forty-nine members in good standing.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." May 14. Bro. Blank presided. A letter was read from L. McIver, Esq., M.P., respecting the Children's Intoxicating Liquor Bill; resolved that it be left to the Good of the Order to discuss upon. Bro. R. M. Oakeshott read a paper entitled, "Three Thousand Years Ago, and What Came of It."

OLD BROMPTON.—"Safeguard of Old Brompton." May 6. Election and installation of officers: Bro. Dance, W.C.T.; Sister Hutchings, W.V.T.; Bro. Denton,

W.Sec. Returns shew an increase of two this quarter. During the evening, Bro. and Sister Hutchings, who have been lately married, were presented with a handsome tea service, subscribed for by a few members; Bro. Dence, W.C.T., V.D., made the presentation on behalf of the members, and in a few well-chosen remarks, Bro. Hutchings thanked the members who so kindly subscribed.

EXETER.—"Perseverance." May 10. Discussion on circular from D.C.T. of dividing the country into Parliamentary divisions. The D.L. Rep. was instructed to use his discretion in the matter. A short address by a visitor from Bristol when, it being pound night, a goodly number of parcels were sold which realised the sum of 3s. 6½d.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." May 14. Finance Committee's report accepted. Musical box, Bro. Heather; songs, Bros. Enticknap and Mauser; readings, Sister Heather, and Bro. Booth; recitations, Bros. Quelch and Powell, jun. Fair attendance.

HULL.—"Paragon." May 10. Sisters Knott and Hatton to provide after business; refreshments were provided and a good entertainment given, consisting of songs, duets, readings, &c., a very enjoyable evening being spent. One candidate initiated; good attendance. Twenty WATCHWORDS sold weekly.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." May 15. Pound night: Songs, Sister Parker, Bros. Peacock, Smith, Manser, J. W. Parker, and Gargan; recitations, Bros. Copus and Gargan; readings, Bros. Powell, Lekeux, and Stedman. Two initiated.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." May 15. Official visit of the Forward Tent, I.O.R., who had gladly accepted the invitation of the Lodge to explain Rechabitism to the members. Bros. Pryor, P.C.R., Hewitt, C.R., and Parkes gave earnest addresses, explanatory of its objects and benefits. Bro. Taylor, L.D., advocated Good Templarism, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their visit. Bro. Parkes gave a reading, Bro. Wylde a song, Sister Christie a song. Very pleasant meeting.

DEVONPORT.—"James Teare." May 10. A happy meeting presided over by Sister Carter, P.W.C.T. Songs by Bros. Burt and Fyne; readings by Bro. Rowley, one initiated.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morice Town." May 12. A good attendance, Bro. Parkes, W.C.T., presided. One initiated. Resolved to invite Mount Edgcumbe Lodge to preside at our next meeting.

WHITCHURCH.—"Hope of Whitchurch." May 14. Full Lodge. Two new members initiated; two candidates proposed. Interesting reading, entitled "The Three Parsons," by Bro. the Rev. J. Asten, L.D.

HIGHER OPENSHAW.—"Circle." April 5. Brothers surprised sisters with tea party.—April 17. Social tea party, a Lodge meeting being held afterwards. Bro. W. E. Peplow was elected as L.D., and Bro. Lawton as E.S. —April 19. Visit to Britain's Hope Lodge, Stalybridge, who gave us a hearty reception.—April 27. Nomination and election, W.C.T., Bro. Lawton; W.V.T., Sister Hudson; W.S., Bro. Southworth. The membership this quarter shews a decrease of five.

BRIGHOUSE.—"Morning Star." May 14. Two sisters readmitted. After the business sharp practice was taken up. Seven or eight questions, chiefly on the interests of the Order were spoken on and discussed, and a very pleasant half-hour spent. Good attendance.

SPALDING.—"Hand-in-Hand." The members of this Lodge have resolved to close their weekly Lodge session earlier during the summer months. A good staff of officers was last Thursday evening installed for the ensuing quarter, with Bro. Taylor as W.C.T., and Bro. George White as L.D. The Lodge is now in a very satisfactory condition.

LEEDS.—"St. George's Rose Bud." May 8. Three initiated. Election and installation of officers took place. Bro. the Rev. Joseph Deans, D.C.T. Central, was elected W.C.T.

LEEDS.—"British Rose." May 10. Central Yorkshire District Executive visited, and conferred Second and Third Degrees.

ACCRINGTON.—May 11. United session of the Accrington Rose and Triumph Lodges; visit of the District officers. In the unavoidable absence of the D.C.T., Bro. Fowler, Bro. C. Wingfield, D.T., presided. A capital programme was given by the local brethren interspersed with speeches by the D.T., the D.E.Supt., D.Mar., D.Sec., Bros. Bennett, Woodhouse, and Cronshaw; songs, recitations, &c., were given by Bros. Dodds, Barnes, Woodhouse, Whittaker, Cronshaw, Brierley, Hayhurst, and Hoyle.

SUDBURY.—"Gainsborough." May 7.—Bro. Alexander admitted on c.c., and recommended as L.D., and Bro. W. Harvey, E.S.—May 14. Election of officers:—Installed by the retiring L.D., Bro. H. Alston, Bro. A. S. Newman, W.C.T.; Sister A. Harvey, W.V.T.; Bro. H. Bitteo, W.S. The Lodge is now beginning to look up, having gained the Congregational School-room, Marestreet, to meet in; and the meetings are now held alternate Fridays.

ENFIELD.—"Star of Peace." May 10. Officers' reports and installation. W.S. reported a net increase of eight during the quarter. Finances good. Sister Cobman reported a gain of 17s. on the proceeds of the coffee stall. A vote of thanks passed to her and assistants for the efficient way in which it was carried on. Officers installed by Bro. Coleman, L.D. Lodge addressed by W.C.T. afterwards.—May 17. Easter Monday Tea Committee reported a gain of 1s. One initiated. The decision of Grand Lodge on character dress was discussed to some extent. A very interesting and instructive evening was spent.

GREENWICH.—"Good of the Order." This Lodge, after being asleep for some months, was re-started on Monday last by Bro. J. Bowen, D.C.T., under favourable circumstances. Officers elected: Bro. E. G. Ward, W.C.T.; Sister Parkinson, W.V.T.; Sister Pucknell, W.Trea.; Bro. Parkinson, W.S, and L.D. A good programme arranged; visitors are invited. The G.W.C.T. sent a message that the Good of the Order could not be done without.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Hope of Castle End." May 7. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Barker. Installed by Bro. R. H. Baynes, L.D. Ninety-six members in good standing, being an increase of 35 on the quarter.—May 14. Visit of Deus Vult Lodge, Bro. W. C. J. Hondle presided. Members gave a capital entertainment. Seven initiated; one restored. Over 100 present.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Railway Express." May 3. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Walter Gibbs; W.V.T., Sister Tibbs. Installed by Bro. H. Gape, D.S.J.T., assisted by Bro. W. H. Kimpton, W.D.Sec. Seventy members in good standing, an increase of 22 on the quarter.—May 10. Three initiated. Degree of Fidelity conferred on six members by Bro. J. Rowley, L.D.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Deus Vult." April 15. Public meeting. Bro. C. McPherson, W.C.T., presided and gave one of J. B. Gough's orations. Recitations by Sisters Berry and Hunt, and Bro. G. A. Lotts. Songs by Sister Cornwell and Bro. W. H. Kimpton, W.D.S. Readings by Sisters Pacsley and Bro. Rayner. Bro. W. G. J. Howell presided at the piano.—April 22. Bro. G. Lever recommended L.D., and Bro. J. Ayers L.E.Supt.—April 29. Election of officers. Bro. W. C. J. Howell, W.C.T., Sister Hunt, W.Sec. Two initiated.—May 6. Officers installed by Bro. Henry Wilson, D.C.T. Sister Bessie Fendick, W.Sec., reported 44 members—being an increase. Ayers, L.D. Two proposed. Official visit of Bro. T. A. Mathers, V.D.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Cambridge University." May 8. Bro. H. T. Kingdom presided. Bro John Beggs re-elected L.D. Bro. the Rev. J. E. B. Mayor, M.A. (senior fellow of St. John's College), re-elected L.E.Supt. Election of officers:—W.C.T., Bro. W. S. Borrow; they were afterwards installed by Bro. W. H. Kimpton, W.D.Sec. W.Sec. reported 38 members on the books, they being all members of the various colleges in the town. Addresses by Bro. C. Dixon, &c., closed a useful meeting.

SWINDON.—"Anchor of Swindon." May 4. Election of officers. Bro. H. Jones, W.C.T. (re-elected); Sister Pusey, W.V.T.; Bro. J. Richards, W.S. Tax paid on 33 members. Programme for quarter adopted.—May 11. Officers installed by Bro. G. H. Bendy, L.D. The Lodge has just succeeded in obtaining a better room, and now meets in Old Swindon, and, the members hope, the Order is in a better position in the town.

MANCHESTER.—"Unity." May 13. Visit of District Executive. Short addresses were delivered by Bros. J. G. Tolton, D.C.T.; J. H. Musk, D.E.S.; J. R. Beacoth, W.D.Sec.; W. Gibbon, W.D.Tr.; and Sister Keighley, W.D.V.T. Bro. Peck, D.E.S., of Cleveland, also spoke for a short time on the Good of the Order. Two initiated, and three admitted on a.c. Very pleasant session.

HEREFORD.—"True to the End." April 9. The programme for the evening was sharp practice; several interesting questions were put in and caused a profitable discussion; good attendance.—April 16. A paper was read by Bro. Talley, W.D.C., entitled "Work and Wait," which was listened to very interesting and good advice. Bro. George Parry was recommended as L.D.; and Bro. Blount was elected as E.S.—April 23. Good Friday. The business of the Lodge gone through; one proposed; then closed early.—April 30. Three proposed and four initiated. The programme, Who shall be Chief Templar? Several questions put; several members obtained the floor, causing great amusement. Bro. Bishop reported on his visit to Newport G.L. and of his taking the G.L. Degree.

EXETER.—"Matthew the Miller." May 13. Visit of Sister Pryor, V.D., who gave us a capital address. Programme for new quarter adopted. A resolution was passed expressing pleasure that the Sunday Closing Bill for Ireland has passed its second reading, and respectfully ask the D.L. to convey its appreciation to Mr. Fry, M.P. One proposed.

TRURO.—"Truro Guiding Star." May 13. Rev. R. C. Davey (Wesleyan) was enrolled as an Ancient Templar. A vote expressive of regret at the decease of Sister Wyatt, was unanimously carried, all present rising to their feet. Readings, followed by criticism, were given by Bros. Tucker, Still, Stephens, Elliott and Polsue, and led to a very interesting conversation. Bro. J. Nicholls, gave a recitation.

BRADFORD.—"Manningham Volunteers." May 10. Five initiated. The officers' reports shewed an increase of 16 on last quarter, and a favourable balance in the hands of the treasurer, every member being clear on the books. The new W.C.T. (Bro. Hattersley) addressed the Lodge in a few well-chosen remarks, in which he urged the members to assist him in furthering the interests of the Lodge. Donations amounting to 12s. 6d. were given to the Lodge funds by the Sisters Askham, and Bros. Whittan, Hattersley, Hey, and J. Morrell; and several others expressed their intention to do likewise at the following meeting. Our Lodge is steadily increasing, and our meetings pleasant and profitable.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.—"Glorious Prospect." May 3. Election and installation of officers: Bro. S. Stevenson, W.C.T.; Bro. Mann, W.Sec.; and Sister Stevenson, W.V.T.—May 10. Visit of Bro. Bryan, D.E.S., and Bro. Willett, W.D.Sec., who gave stirring addresses, and songs and recitations were given by members and visitors. A capital supper was provided; a good number present, including about 20 visitors.

SPENNYMOOR.—"Triumph of Hope." May 5. Officers' reports submitted; membership 94, increase of four on quarter. Officers elected; installed by Sister J. Fleming, L.D.; W.C.T., Bro. H. H. Syme; W.V.T., Sister J. Ayton; W.Sec., Rev. J. H. Dodshon (re-elected).—May 12. W.C.T.'s programme contributed to by Sister M. Fleming and Bros. Syme, Kennedy, Witherington, and W. Ayton.—May 13. First of series of open-air meetings addressed by Bros. J. Wrathell, Home Mission Agent, and J. Smith, W.Chap. Capital attendance considering wet state of weather.

OXFORD.—"City of Oxford." April 30. Annual tea and public meeting, presided over by Bro. Smith, W.C.T. Addresses by Bros. George, Weatherill, and James Hine, and songs sung by Sister Wheeler, and Bros. Howard, Joyce, and Smith. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, and one former member taken hold of.—May 7. Installation night, D.C.T. officiating. Officers: W.C.T., Bro. Hine; W.V.T., Sister Howell; W.S., Bro. Smith. One member restored, and one proposed.—May 14. Programme, "Turn out the W.C.T." The questions and answers were instructive, interesting, and enjoyable. Two propositions for membership.

ST. ALBANS.—"City of Verulam." May 13. Bro. Rogers, W.C.T., presided. Good programme for coming quarter adopted. Visit of Bro. S. W. Tysoe, W.D. Chap., Beds, who conferred Third Degree on one member. Lodge progressing.

LUTON.—"Pride of the Lea." May 11. Twenty-two members from the Sir William Harpur, Star and Hope of Kempston Lodges, Bedford, visited and gave a first-class entertainment. Bro. E. G. Capon, W.D.Sec., in the chair; songs and recitations by Sisters Northwood, Leech and Giggle, Bros. Baxter, H. Gould, Gillett, Dunham, Capon, Lane, Brookhouse, and Billington. Addresses by Bros. T.C. Macrow, H.D. from London, S. W. Tysoe, W.D.Chap., and J. Scottieg, W.D.G.; three proposed; sale of WATCHWORDS increasing.

WINCHESTER.—"City of Winchester." May 12. Bro. Deane, W.C.T. Two initiated. Bro. Perry read circular from D.L., and Bro. Winks read a report of the D.L. meeting. Bro. Parker gave an address on all the Portsmouth Lodges. Bro. Buckingham reported rapid progress of the Lily of the Valley J.T.; 81 members in two months.

WIMBLEDON.—"General Charles Gordon." May 18. Mock debate night. Bros. Pinhorn, D.C.T., paid the Lodge a visit, and during the evening gave a few words of encouragement. One candidate initiated. Resolved to continue advertisement in WATCHWORD. Arrangements made for Cycle Club to leave Wimbledon next night and pay a surprise visit.

RICHMOND.—"Star of Richmond Hill." May 17. Special District Lodge Session. Bro. Pinhorn, D.C.T., and Bro. W. Shepheard, W.D.M., represented the Executive. Two sisters received Third Degree, and seven others were received as District Lodge members. Addresses were given by Bros. Pinhorn, Shepheard, Fill, and Newman. Bro. Newman elected as Sub-District Secretary.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—"Kingston-upon-Hull." May 13. A large attendance. It was resolved to petition the House of Lords in favour of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. W.C.T., Bro. Cockerline.

MANCHESTER.—"Tower of Refuge." The Lodge has had a most successful meeting, having initiated 39 candidates, which give, after accounting for all losses, a membership of 195.—Thirteen members withdrew their clearance cards and joined the Sydney Lodge, Salford, which was opened March 10 under the auspices of the "Tower," and now a movement is on foot to open a Lodge in Stretford very shortly. Again we have decided to hold an 11 days' Temperance mission.—May 4. Election and installation of officers:—W.C.T., Bro. S. Christian; W.V.T., Sister Herbert; W.Sec., Bro. C. J. Oglesby. Bro. John Edwards, G.W.Co., was warmly greeted and congratulated.

IRELAND.

BALLYMACARBETT.—"W. F. Lalor." May 11. A most agreeable and profitable session. After the business, the following programme was presented by the sisters in charge:—Solos, Bros. M'Gibben and Dunican; Temperance orations, Bros. Shippobotham and Flemming; recitation, Bro. Millar; reading, Bro. A. Ellis.

BALLYMACARBETT.—"Advance." May 13. Visit from officers and members of W. F. Lalor Lodge; Bro. Wm. Boyd, of the visitors presided, and a most pleasing and successful programme was gone through, consisting of an encouraging and humerous address from the chairman, solos, &c., by various sisters and brothers.

BELFAST.—"Sir Wilfrid Lawson." May 6. Concert and readings; Mr. D. M. Patterson, and members of the Irish Temperance League Choir provided the musical part of the programme, and Bros. R. Semple and J. Havern contributed the readings. The entertainment was highly appreciated; the proceeds defrayed the expenses of a Temperance mission held during the winter.

WALES.

PENTRONT.—"Union." May 4. Good attendance. Satisfactory reports of retiring officers and Standing Committees. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. A. Boulter (re-elected); W.V.T., Sister M. A. Thomas; W.Sec., Bro. R. T. Evans (re-elected). Installed by Sister Thomas, L.D.—May 11. Good session. One initiated. Three visitors present from Llandrindod Wells, one sister from Bradford, and one brother from Dowlais. Singing, reciting, and short addresses for Good of the Order. Lodge working steadily.

NAVAL.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White and Blue."—May 1. Installation and Reports. Bro. Goodwin, W.C.T.; Sister Goodwin, W.V.T.; Bro. Beattie, W.Sec. Ninety-one members returned in good standing. Bro. Dence recommended for L.D. This Lodge collected 6s., and gave it to a brother, who turned out to be the great impostor Sisk.—May 8. Officered and entertained by G.L. members, about 20 present, Sister Prichard, D.V.T.

(Mid Kent), presided; a very good programme gone through.—May 13. Visit of Invincible Crusader Lodge, who officered and entertained. Songs by Sisters Hammond, Davies, A. Reed, Lowe, Ruler, Attridge; Bros. C. Reed, Hines, Pearce and Castello; recitations, Bros. Russell, Lowe, Winstone, C. Reed, H. Pearce and Horscroft; 120 present. A very pleasant session spent.

MILITARY.

WINCHESTER. — "Garrison Safeguard." May 14. Capital session, Bro. Colour-Sergeant Harrison, W.C.T., presiding. Two candidates initiated, and others proposed. Visitors present from Ryde, Southsea, and Hyde of Alton Lodges. Bro. Moody read letters from Press Forward Lodge, Maidenhead; and Bro. Jones, D.C.T., in reference to the Military District becoming owners of the Challege Shield, and acknowledging telegram sent by Bro. Harrison to the Grand Lodge, announcing the opening of The Hope of the Future Juvenile Temple at the barracks. Installation of officers by Bro. Sergeant Brealey, L.D.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

BROMPTON.—"Red, White, and Blue." May 3. Election and installation. Installation of officers by Supt. Bro. Denton, who afterwards addressed a few words of encouragement to the newly elected officers.—May 10. Coffee supperand presentation of prizes, presentation made by Bro. Deeks. The following received prizes—Sisters Harris, Burke, Fraser, and Anderson, Bros. Allen and Cain. Fifty initiated this quarter, shewing a total of 88 in good standing, Temple receiving great support from the adult members.

CHELSEA.—"Chelsea." May 14. Usual business, Bro. Bell, C.T. Visit of Bro. T. C. Macrow, V.S.J.T., who distributed prizes to the following brothers:—1st, Bro. C. Monro; 2nd, Bro. B. Kent; 3rd, Bro. F. Kent; 4th, Bro. Preslaod, obtained in reciting competition. Songs, solos, and recitations followed by the members. Large number present.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." May 12. Ten initiated. Bro. Wrown, S.J.T., gave an interesting address on the motto text, "There is a Lion in the Way." Crowded session.

HALIFAX.—"May Blossom" (Senior). May 8. Bazaar held to raise funds was opened by Bro. A. Byron, W.D.Co. The weather being unfavourable, and very few of the goods being disposed of, the bazaar will be continued on Saturday, May 29.

BATH.—"Hope of East Twerton," April 19. Seven initiated; good programme gone through.—May 3. Good attendance; prizes offered for the two best recitations, which were won by Sister Emily Grant and Bro. Francis Barrett.—May 10. Five initiated; visit from Bro. Hogg, D.S.J.T., who gave notice of a prize competition to be held in Bath. Bro. Kirton's pamphlet, "A Glass of British Wine: its History and Mystery"; several gave in their names to compete in it.

EAST DEREHAM.—"Lily of the East." May 11. Fifteen new members initiated. Refreshments, nuts, and oranges provided by Sister S. A. Crispe in celebration of her third Templar birthday. A beautiful Third Degree regalia was presented in the name of the Temple by the D.S.J.T. to Sister Crispe as a token of recognition of her earnest and successful labours in the Temple, which is now the largest in the District having over 90 members in good standing. Seventy-six *Juvenile Templars* taken monthly.

WOOLWICH.—"Pride of Woolwich" (Senior). May 10. After a short address from S.J.T. on quarterly text, Sister E. Shorey, W.D.V.T., presented prizes to the successful competitors during the past quarter. This having been done, Sister L. Denard, Chief Templar, then presented to the W.D.V.T., in the name of the Temple, an illuminated address; also a handsome District Lodge regalia, as a token of esteem, and a mark of appreciation of their labours in connection with our Temple and Juvenile branch of the loved Order in West Kent. Sister Shorey responded in suitable terms, thanking all concerned. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. E. J. Russell for getting up the address in such a handsome style. One initiated. Temple doing well.

HIGHER OPENSHAW.—"Circle of Unity." April 27. One initiated. Election of officers.—May 4. One initiated. Officers installed by Bro. W. R. Peplow, S.J.T. *Juvenile Templars* given to all clear on the books.—May 11. Three initiated. Visit from English Rosebud Temple, who went through a very interesting programme. Refreshments, consisting of milk, cakes, and sweets, were served out during the evening.

GREENWICH.—"The Rose of Greenwich." May 13. Bro. John Bowen, D.C.T., gave a short address to the children, stating that he was well pleased with their conduct, and urged them to continue to be firm and faithful. Several members of the adult Lodge (Royal Greenwich) having come to assist and encourage by their presence, Bro. Bowen, D.C.T., proceeded to present the prizes for merit, good conduct, &c., which had been won during the past quarter, one of which was a name silver brooch, won by Sister Julia Lehan, C.T., for bringing the most candidates during the quarter, and 13 others received prizes at same time. After the children had each received their prize, the Chief Templar, Sister Lehan, presented Bro. E. Shorey, P.W.D.Ch., with an address and a P.W.D.Ch. regalia from the Rose of Greenwich J.T., of which he has been treasurer for over nine years. Bro. Shorey thanked the members for the handsome presents. After the usual treat of good things to the little ones, the Temple closed.

ALDERSGATE-STREET.—"City of London." May 17. Election of officers. Installed by Bro. T. C. Macrow, V.S.J.T., who gave a short address, and presented every officer and also the members with a handsome card brought from the Grand Lodge at Newport.

LUTON.—"Rosebud of Promise." May 11. Visit from Bro. T. C. Macrow, V.S.J.T., who gave an address and presented each member with pledge cards. Bro. Capon, W.D.S., and Sisters Leech and Northwood sang and recited. Address by Bro. S. W. Tysoe, S.J.T.; very pleasant session.

WINCHESTER.—"The Hope of the Future." May 10.—Thirteen candidates initiated, and other names given in. Addresses by Bros. Harrison, Checkley, and others. Capital Temperance recitations by the children, and prize won by Emma Doherty, aged 10 years, given by Bro. Checkley, W.C.T. Each child, 51 in number, received a small present from Sister (Mrs.) Harrison, who is leaving for Carlow.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

WEST CUMBERLAND.—The quarterly meeting of the Council was held in the Good Templars' Hall, Workington, on May 15. Bro. R. Sands, jun., D.S.J.T., presided, and there was a very good attendance. The D.S.J.T. submitted his report, in which he thanked the Council and the District Lodge for electing him to that office. He stated that in consequence of the Grand Lodge Session having been held so late, the issuing of quarterly return forms was considerably delayed, and all the returns had consequently not been received. So far, the reports were not satisfactory. the Temples shewing a decrease of 60. A new Temple had been opened at Moor Row, and had now 62 members. The Senior Temple at Whitehaven has been re-opened, as also the Beacon Light Temple, Egremont. Arrangements are being made to open a Temple in connection with the Crystal Wave Lodge, Workington. The D.S.J.T., after referring to the decrease in the membership, urged the Council to increased earnestness, and made various suggestions as to how the members might be retained, and the Temple meetings made interesting. He urged that the Lodges should be kept in mind of their duty to their Temples, and recommended the members of the Council to press their claims on all suitable occasions. The report of the D.S.J.T. was adopted. The visiting superintendents present reported as to the state of the various Temples under their supervision, and most of them had to complain that the Lodge members, as a rule, manifasted very little interest in the Temples, and gave the superintendents but small encouragements. Bro. J. Dobie, Cockermouth, was elected C.Sec., and new V.S. were appointed for the current year. A resolution was passed in favour of Mr. Conybeare's Bill for Prohibiting the Sale of Intoxicants to Children. A long discussion ensued on the action of the Grand Lodge in refusing to confirm the ruling of the G.S.J.T. that the Juvenile obligation was lifelong, the unanimous opinion being that Sister Walshaw's ruling was correct. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Crystal Wave Lodge for the use of their Lodge-room and regalia, &c., after which the Council was closed in the usual manner.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT.—The thirteenth session of this conference their sat in the Temperance Hall, Rakesdown, on Tuesday evening, working under the charter of the Work and Win Lodge, Bro. J. P. Blair, of Devon, presiding. Five Lodges were represented, and reports from same were received; time of opening and closing; attendance of officers and members shewed some improvements, also a growing interest in works for the Good of the Order, which is greatly desired.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

[This column is for notes of progress. Tersely and briefly expressed paragraphs of news, of the institution or restoring of Lodges, and the extension of the Order invited.]

DEVONPORT.—On May 13 another entertainment of high class merit was rendered at the Temperance Hall, Devonport, under the anspices of the Good Templar Mission Committee, by Mr. A. E. Bath and friends. Mr. Bath presided, supported by Bros. Moon, Prouse, Moore, Bolton, Broad, Belton, Snell, and Taylor. There was a crowded attendance. The chairman, in his opening address, paid a high tribute to Good Templary. A very interesting programme was then gone through, in which the following took part: Miss Pethick, Bro. Sergeant Griffiths, R.M.L.I., Master Jeffery, Misses Turpin, Bath, and Gale, Mr. H. Nodder, address upon "Good Templary" by Bro. Moon, Miss Syms, and Messrs. Westlake and Perry. It is believed many of the old members will return by these entertainments.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNERS, Social Teas, Conferences, Evening Meetings of Companies or Societies, on reasonable terms, at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, London, E.C., opposite Ludgate Hill Station. Strictly Temperance principles.

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SISK THE IMPOSTOR.

The imposter Sisk continues to prey upon the membership, whose hearts are too tender to allow them to enforce the law regarding such pecuniary appeals. Sisk was lately at Gravesend with an appeal bearing a forgery of the signature of Bro. Southwood, District Deputy of Beds. He has since been in London with duly sealed recommendations bearing the forged signature of Bro. Ellis, District Deputy of Derbyshire. Sisk went under the name of Harris at Gravesend, and he has since operated in London under the name of Russell. He is an excellent penman, and his documents therefore bear apparently genuine signatures. His general handwriting slopes backwards. A good specimen of a lady's handwriting may also be seen on his documents. He is evidently possessed of a box of seals ready for use.

The following is a copy of the papers he last presented:—

"I.O.G.T.—London, April 12, 1886.

"Madam and Sister Templar,—Kindly excuse a brother out of employment taking the liberty of asking you to do me a little help to get the night over.

"The enclosed is a letter of recommendation from my Lodge, and endorsed by the D.C.T. for the district I come from.—I am, Madam and Sister, fraternally yours in F. H. and C.,

"R. RUSSELL, P.D.G.W.C.T.

"I.O.G.T."

"This is to certify that Bro. R. Russell, P.D.G.W.C.T., P.W.S., is a member in good standing in the Embrace Lodge, No. 2,544, located at Somercoates, in the County of Derby, England, and working under a Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of England of the Independent Order of Good Templars in the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Temples of the World. And this is further to certify that the said brother is a consistent and worthy member, and we hereby recommend him to fraternal sympathy and aid of the membership of the Order. Signed and sealed on behalf and by the order of the said Embrace Lodge this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six. JOHN CRISS, W.C.T., Alma Cottage, Somercoates; MARTHA MATHEWS, W.V.T., Seeleye-row, Somercoates, Derbyshire; JAMES SMITH, W.S., Market-place, Somercoates, Derbyshire. Endorsed April 19, 1881. John Ellis, D.C.T., Derby District Lodge, Saint Michael's Parade, Derby."

Let all Lodges remember that relief should not be given unless the appeal is also endorsed by *their own* District Deputy. This man Sisk is very short in stature—about 5ft. 2in. and is about 60 years of age, and somewhat grey. He states he is a shoemaker, and he looks very dilapidated. Members should in doubtful cases telegraph to the D.D. whose name is attached to the paper, keeping the applicant in view if possible till a reply comes. It may be best to give 6d. or so, and then be able to give the impostor in charge for begging until the grave charge of obtaining money under false pretences can be sustained. Should Sisk anywhere present papers professedly signed by Bro. Ellis, the latter can be telegraphed to at 12, St. Peter's-street, Derby, and he will come and prove the forgery, while Bro. Southwood can be similarly communicated with at 149, Victoria-street, Dunstable. Of course the man's papers must be taken care of and the man held fast till the arrival of the witness.

J. MALINS.

GOOD TEMPLARS TO THE FRONT.

BRO. R. RICHARDSON, P.W.C.T. of the West End of London Lodge, has been elected to the important position of overseer of the parish of St. Marylebone.

BAND OF HOPE DEMONSTRATION.—On May 13 a great demonstration of the various Bands of Hope connected with the Rochester Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held. Bands of music and a choir of 500 voices took part in the proceedings. The speakers included General Thomas, R.M.L.I., Colonel R. Hawthorn (Commanding Royal Engineers), the Rev. G. T. Laycock (deputation from the parent society), and Rev. F. Storer-Clarke. At the evening meeting the great hall of the Corn Exchange was crowded in every part, and the proceedings were very enthusiastic.

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The ANNUAL MEETING of Subscribers and Friends will be held at the ORPHANAGE, on SATURDAY, May 22, to receive the Report and Balance Sheet for past year, elect five members of the Board, and other business. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock. Chair to be taken at 6 o'clock. The grounds of the Institution will be open in the after noon for the inspection of visitors. Trains leave Water oo Station for Sunbury at 1.23, 2.17, 2.35, 3.10, 4.10, 5.10. Returning 7.1 and 8.15. Friends of the Orphanage are invited to attend.

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SAMUEL MORLEY, ESQ.,
President of the Institution.

Addresses by SIR C. WARREN, G.C.M.G. (Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police), W. S. CAINE, Esq., M.P., HANDEL COSSHAM, Esq., M.P., THOMAS WATSON, Esq., M.P., and the Medical Staff.

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THE
GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD.
MONDAY, MAY 24, 1886.

CHARACTER DRESS AND KISSING GAMES.

WE realise with no small regret that the advocates of Character Dress and Kissing Games are dissatisfied with the deliverances of our Grand Lodge at its recent annual session, in which it declared all such performances unlawful in connection with our Lodges. It is the province of the official organ to support the decisions of the Grand Lodge of which it is the mouthpiece. It does not follow that all we write, even in our leading columns, could pretend to claim the authority of Grand Lodge; indeed, a newspaper would be very colourless and uninteresting that said nothing it could not guarantee to be in agreement with what so large and miscellaneous an assembly would endorse if it could be tested. But it would be unbecoming for an official organ to fly in the face of the matured decisions of its constituents, and we have not yet felt that any sacrifice of principle or of our convictions of duty have been involved in this service; we have rather to acknowledge that Grand Lodge has allowed us a tolerably free and wide range, and has treated any mistakes we may have made with such kind forbearance as becomes a body so constituted. But we never — since the great colour controversy — felt more heartily constrained to support any decision of Grand Lodge than we do to uphold its recent utterances forbidding kissing games and character dress in connection with our Order; and if any stimulus were needed to deepen our convictions, that stimulus is supplied by the letter which we find it our duty to publish in our correspondence column.

As to the kissing games, we are simply astounded that a brother occupying a position at the head of a Degree Temple should thus openly and unblushingly advocate kissing games in, or associated with, our Lodges. We will not speak in wholesale condemnation of kissing games. At best, however, even in family parties and select circles, where the company is well-chosen, we regard them as uncommonly silly, and their tendency as very questionable. But what we have to do with is the Lodge-room, or with public gatherings in connection with the Order: assemblies at which the company cannot be selected. And we simply repeat what was said at Grand Lodge, that it is, in our judgment, a degradation of the sister sex, amounting to immorality, for a number of young maidens, or women of any age, to submit their lips to be "slobbered over" by a miscellaneous assortment of fellows, many of whom are strangers, and, it may be, very questionable characters, and all this exposed the while to the public gaze. Where is the common decency, not to say the native modesty, of the English maiden, if she delight in such treatment as this? However, there are advocates of such doings among us; and as they seem determined to agitate the question in the Lodges, we will not close our columns to their contentions. We shall thus, it may be, learn what can be said in favour of such proceedings, and how far its advocates do really represent the feelings of what is called the rank and file of our Order.

Then, as to character dress. We do not condemn all dramatic performances, nor regard actors as necessarily an immoral class of people. We do know, however, that the associations of the stage do tend to blunt that fine edge of moral sensitiveness which we would rather preserve in our own children, alike in their earlier and later maturity. But the question narrows itself down to this—Shall theatrical performances be associated with our Lodges? We cannot absolutely control our young folks outside the Lodge, and it is better we should not attempt it. Good precept and good example, with a fair range of liberty and self-government, will, we think, do more to train a virtuous manhood than will reins, whips, and leading-strings. We ourselves are not so fastidious that we should refuse to join a game of family charades, or to take part with approved companions in amateur theatricals. But to provide for such performances in our Lodges, constituted as they are; or under the public auspices of our Order, established as it is specifically for the advancement of a great moral and religious reform: this is quite another matter. Our excellent brothers and sisters who say, "What harm is there?" do not, we think, sufficiently take into account how, and for what objects, our Order is

formed, and that such an encroachment, pleasing though it might be to some, would be a perversion of the Order itself from the objects of its existence, and a violation of the consciences of many of its most valued members and workers.

And there is another view we would urge. There never was a greater need than there is to day that all moral and religious agencies should combine to frown down the public and flagrant parade of indecency that is deluging our land. The newspapers of the day are barely fit for a place in a well-regulated family. The filth of divorce courts and of police courts is the daily dainty, spiced up to serve the market, that is doing much to make the fortunes of our journalists, and to demoralise our homes at the same time. One London theatre is just now giving a play, which was patronised the other day by the Prince and Princess of Wales, in which the harlot is the heroine. Another fashionable theatre is giving a grossly indecent play, and as some of its incidents are too impure for performance, the suppressed portions are printed for circulation among the audiences. And in yet a third, an actress who testified her own guilt in a divorce case is the principal character and the admired of the wives and daughters of fashionable society. Even the sensational advocates of purity have themselves seemed more anxious to parade the details of flagrant indecencies than to provide better teaching; and, altogether, the atmosphere of the age seems to reek with tainted talk and familiar indeconcies. It is time there were some efforts at a reaction ; and our Order can do far better service to society than by opening up a new departure in a direction that can more easily be set going than controlled.

It is very cheap chaff to taunt us with having "goody-goody" notions. We are not conscious that there is an excess of "namby-pambyism" in our leading members. The representative men and women we are accustomed to meet at Grand Lodge, or in our District gatherings, do not strike us as being childish simpletons as a rule; and we can take such taunts with complacency. We are not above being taught something, however, and if our esteemed correspondent, who writes as one who knows a thing or two, can favour us with some better teaching, or help to cultivate a more robust and manly sentiment, we will gladly give it heed. But as a preliminary example of what would strike us as a higher style of writing than that of our correspondent, or than we can pretend to offer from our own pen, we commend to our readers the perusal of the article which follows.

GOOD ADVICE FROM A GREAT AUTHORITY.

"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children ; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints ; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient ; but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor coveteous man who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*, and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess ; but be filled with the Spirit ; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord ; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

AS AN INTRODUCTION to any debates on the questions of character dress and kissing games in the Lodges, we would venture to suggest the reading of the two articles in our leading columns.

BRO. LIEUTENANT WAWRINSKY, G.W.Co., of Sweden, who acted as interpreter to Bro. Malins during the first part of his visit to Sweden, is, we hear, in London. We heartily greet him, and bespeak for him a warm welcome.

LEES *versus* MALINS.—We learn that the further hearing of this case has been set down, and that it only remains for Mr. Justice Wills to fix the date. This appointment may be made in about a fortnight, and the hearing may be resumed about a month hence or later.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Good Templar and Temperance Orphanage will be held at the Institution, Sunbury, on the 22nd inst., and should draw a large gathering, as the well kept grounds will be open for the inspection of visitors. We understand that a reduced fare may be participated in by those leaving Waterloo Station by the 2.35 p.m. train.

THE CORRESPONDENCE that is opened in this number upon the action of Grand Lodge with respect to kissing games and character dress must necessarily be kept within bounds. Short letters will have the preference, and we cannot promise insertion to any that exceed about half the length of the letter that opens the controversy. The ordinary courtesies and regulations of debate must be observed, and we trust the subject will be treated with forbearance as well as with the frank outspokenness which will express the feelings of correspondents.

THE PUBLIC BREAKFAST of the BAND OF HOPE UNION in Exeter Hall on Wednesday last, was a great success. The address of the chairman, the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar, was high in tone and eloquent in language and sympathy, and he was ably supported by Mr. J. H. Raper, the Rev. Canon Ellison, the Rev. Dr. Dawson Burns, the Rev. Isaac Doxsey, the Rev. Bennett, Secretary of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, the Rev. J. P. Gledstone, Mr. W. S. Shirley, M.P., and others. Out of six M.P.'s only one appeared, the absentees being Messrs. Dr. G. B. Clark, J. H. Hadett, E. Stafford Howard, and William Saunders, several of whom were in the House till 3 o'clock the same morning, but some of whom were with their constituents, endeavouring to "square the circle" of the Irish difficulty. The afternoon conference and evening public meeting were also of great interest and well attended.

ANNUAL MEETINGS are still going on. For Monday, 24th inst., Bro. Professor André has arranged a high-class programme of concerted music to be given at the second anniversary of his Temperance Training Schools and Alpine Choirs, at Exeter Hall. Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., presides, and Mr. J. H. Raper, and the Hon. and Canon Leigh are announced to speak.—Mr. Samuel Morley is to take the chair at the annual public meeting of that invaluable institution, the London Temperance Hospital, in the Library of the Memorial Hall, Farringdon street, E.C., on Thursday, 27th. Besides three M.P.'s and other gentlemen, the new star, Sir C. Warren, G.C.M.G. (Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police), will give an address.—To a more limited circle we have to announce that the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution will take place in Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, May 25, at 2 p.m. For further particulars inquirers are directed to the advertisements on the opposite page.

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

THE *Queensland Blue Ribbon Advocate* says that a New Zealand race-horse named "Good Templar" recently carried its master's colours to victory.

The Leader is a capital Temperance paper published at Auckland, New Zealand, and I am glad to see that it contains a standing list of our Lodges in that Colony.

OUR LATE BRO., THE REV. FREDERICK WAGSTAFF, wrote: "It is not alone lessons of Temperance which we are teaching to the hundreds and thousands who join hands with us. We teach the true brotherhood of man. Our instructions are a practical commentary on the words of David—'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

BRO. HILLIER, P.D.C.T., agent of the Leicestershire Temperance Union says, "We have just held four and three days' missions at Narborough and Sheepshed respectively ; 13 members joined Lodge next week as result at the first, and five Juvenile Temple; and at Sheepshed started Lodge there again, which had been sleeping." The annual report of the Union is a good record of good work.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON (Dr. Teaple), awhile ago, said, "The distinctive characteristic of Good Templary was to induce men to abstain from intoxicating liquors, and to make a man feel that he was one of a band of brothers who were all pledged to make his life part of their life ; to supply him with innocent enjoyment and social intercourse ; and if he should wander, to bring him back again."

THE AMERICAN ODD FELLOWS, like the Freemasons, Foresters, and all other fraternities there, are excluding the coloured people. An American paper to hand says :—"It is the general opinion of many that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is doomed to die out. This order was formed because the G.U.O. of O.F. of England ordered them as subordinates to recognise the coloured Odd Fellows of the United States. Let it die, and with it all such prejudices."

SOCIAL NOTES SAID OF OUR ORDER :—"The Order is religious, yet unsectarian. It is social and home-like. Its object is strict Temperance, its spirit beneficent, its discipline parliamentary, its privileges equal, its policy representative, and its membership world-wide. There are signs by which members may recognise each other. The family feature of the Order is highly valued. Both sexes enjoy equal privileges. The Lodge meetings are confined to members. Every member is a subscriber and legislator, with equal rights in every respect."

BRO. MURRAY, G.W.C.T. of Ontario, shews how cordially our coloured and white brothers and sisters fraternise. He says :—"The colour line is getting very indistinct. Unity Lodge is no longer exclusively black. When Peaceful Home Lodge was formed, a coloured sister joined on clearance card from Unity (the place of meeting being near her residence, and she was elected W.V.T. A coloured brother was proposed and initiated in "International" Lodge, and at the beginning of following quarter was elected W.Chap. The Hamilton members have reprinted upon their neat programme sheet an abridgment of my paper on "The Social Aspect of the Order."

A NEW TEMPERANCE POET.—A neat shilling volume entitled, "The Banner of Temperance," by Bro. John Adams, who modestly hides his name and issues it as "By a Member of the Victory Lodge, Dresden" (Staffordshire), has been published by John Heywood. Its contents exhibit remarkable merit, and it is to be hoped it will be used in reading and reciting at many a Good Templar and Temperance meeting. These pieces are not mere rhymes, but contain evidence of real poetic genius, bright with the fire and feeling of a true Temperance worker. The piece on "Silent Workers" ought to be heard by many such. That on "The Publican" we reprint in another column for our readers to themselves judge of our brother's merit. The poem on "Intemperance" is powerfully descriptive; "The Boatman's Story" is finely written; and "The Dying Wife" full of pathos. I believe our G.W.Sec. can supply the book. The cause needs more of such real poets as Bro. John Adams.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

It would hardly be possible to conceive a greater contrast than the scene witnessed in the City Temple at the recent meeting of the Congregational Union, and that enacted in the same place on a similar occasion two years ago. Many will recollect the masterly address then delivered by Dr. Parker, and how that portion referring to the drink traffic, and its long train of servants and adherents, was received. Loud and prolonged were the cheers that resounded through this noblest and grandest of Nonconformist buildings, when the learned Doctor proclaimed that he saw no difference between the man who grew rich and affluent upon the proceeds of the liquor traffic, and the poor wretched victim and slave of strong drink. And the enthusiasm was still greater when it was declared that it was the duty of the Church to refuse to accept help from the proceeds of vice and sin, for such assistance could bring no good to the cause of Christ.

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The latest occupant of the chair of the Congregational Union has also thought it his duty to refer to the drink question, but only so as to give him an opportunity of making an unwarrantable and unchristian attack upon, not only several of his fellow ministers, but also a large and important section of the community. This marvellous effusion of thought and language appeared in last week's WATCHWORD; and I have no doubt was read with sorrow and pain by thousands. Such must have been the feeling in the minds of Mr. White's hearers last Tuesday week. Out of respect to the position occupied by the speaker, the audience listened to his words in silence, but on many countenances were depicted sorrow and despair that any man occupying the highest post in the gift of the Union should have thought it his duty to give utterance to such an unsafe, unsound, and pernicious doctrine as set forth by his words. Had, however, the gathering been a public one, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, I question if Mr. White would have had so patient and forbearing an audience.

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I have no doubt several correspondents will be ready to accede to the invitation given them last week by the Editor, and satisfactorily and conclusively repel Mr. White's attack on total abstinence. But there are one or two points I would like to notice. The Chairman of the Congregational Union admits that "total abstinence from fermented liquors is good as a habit for all the young, and perhaps for most adults." It is something to gain this admission. But does not the speaker contradict himself when he goes on to advocate moderate drinking as a virtue. When do men or women arrive at the age that they may add to their privileges, this one of "taking a glass of claret or ale"? No, the reverend gentleman shrinks from committing himself to this extent. He complains bitterly about the lack of teaching on Temperance; and not without cause. Certainly, if he had studied the matter at all, he would not have cut such a sorry figure as on this occasion.

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Again, his appeal to Scripture for sanction of drinking shews how even ministers can attempt to misapply the teaching of the Bible. He says total abstinence "was not required at Sinai by any one of the Ten Commandments, nor by any one of the 613 precepts of the Mosaic law." This may be; but does it prove that the people were commanded or directed to take strong drink? And if a more minute examination had been made of the precepts and principles inculcated by Biblical writers, a large number of passages might have been found, in which the use of wine and strong drink is emphatically and undeniably condemned.

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We are also told that "*all* moral teachers are under infinite obligation to God to define drunkenness, and to set forth before old and young that drunkards and *the makers of drunkards* shall infallibly be consigned to the abyss of perdition." But did Mr. White think when he wrote these words that he might be pronouncing his own doom? If the "makers of drunkards" are to have the same punishment measured out to them as their victims, how will those fare who have tempted young men and women to drink, and have helped them to lay the foundation of the habit which has proved their ruin? And is it not possible there may be someone present in such an assembly as that of last Tuesday week halting, as it were, between two opinions, and who may be led to decide for moderate drinking by the sophistry of the speaker. Should such an one become a drunkard, if "God will *judge* men by ordinary moral laws," will not he who led him to the beginning of his downward course stand in the position of a "maker of a drunkard"? Certainly there are more drunkards made by such misguided utterances than by all the harangues of the "unwiser (?) wing of the abstinence reformers."

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A great discovery has been made, and the champions of liquordom have at last found a people who have a great aversion to drinking water, but who are perpetually "brewing of ale," with which they moisten "innumerable pipes." These phenomena are located in Central Africa, and are called the Waganda tribe. Physically and morally, we are told, these people are a most superior race, well up in sanitary laws, and they are the only community in Central Africa who are clothed in a respectable manner. The account would have been more interesting if the writer had told us what kind of ale was brewed. Should, however, the story be a true one, and I very much doubt its authenticity, it will form no excuse for drinking in England, because the results produced here are exactly the reverse to those in Africa, or rather the particular spot of that Continent alluded to.

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The Durham Sunday Closing Bill is not to be allowed to pass so easily after all. That remarkable body of disappointed politicians and place-seekers, the Liberty and Property Defence League, is endeavouring to persuade all the "lame, halt and blind" ones of the House of Lords to come up and vote against it at its final stage. The "trade" and other interested parties are "arranging demonstrations," which are nothing but gatherings of roughs, who hustle and assault anyone who dares to express views favourable to the Bill. Should these tactics prove successful, the victory will be short-lived, for the electors of Durham are resolved that should such a contingency arise, they will accept no candidate at the next election who refuses to vote for this measure; thus Mr. Milvain will have to look for another seat.

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Last Saturday I looked in at the East and Mid-Surrey District Lodge, and found a large body of members present to meet Bro. Malins and other distinguished visitors. "The Good of the Order" was the principal topic of the evening, and I hope an impetus was given to the work.

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The following "chips" taken from the American *National Temperance Advocate*, will be of interest to those watching the progress of Prohibition in the United States:

Athens, Ga., has dropped one-third of its police force since it adopted Prohibition.

The reform clubs of Massachusetts Senate have unanimously declared in favour of a constitutional amendment.

Washington County, Ga., one of the largest counties in the State, voted for Prohibition last month by 212 majority.

More than 25 liquor dealers in Woonsocket, R.I., have already announced their intention of going into other businesses.

Pittsfield, Mass., which last year gave a majority of 650 for licence, this year gives a majority of 376 against licence.

The Rhode Island victory will do much to quicken and extend the already widespread and rapidly increasing popular interest in the constitutional amendment method of dealing with the liquor traffic. It will do much to promote the ultimate victory in other States.

This does not look much like failure, and if the feeling at present existing in the States is kept alive, in 10 years Prohibition will be the law of the land.

FREE LANCE.

ALCOHOL IN WORKHOUSES.—At a meeting of the Guardians of the St. Saviour's (Southwark) Union last week, the clerk laid before the Guardians a return, required by the Local Government Board, shewing the quantities of wines, spirits, and malt liquors consumed in the workhouses for the year 1885. The particulars were as follows: Christchurch Workhouse: Spirits, 456 pints, representing a value of £42 7s.; wines, 55 pints, value £3 9s.; malt liquors, 2,218 gallons, value £101 13s. The average number of inmates was 506. St. George's Workhouse; Spirits. 58 pints, value £4 9s.; wines, nil; malt liquors, 2,553 gallons, representing a value of £113 5s. The average number of inmates was 424. Newington Infirmary: Spirits, 506 pints, value £55 14s.; wines, 222 pints, representing a value of £13 17s.; malt liquors, 5,356 gallons, representing a value of £243 13s. The average number of inmates was 1,020.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT AND THE VIRTUES OF LITTLE-DROP DRINKING.

BRO. THE REV. H. MINTON-SENHOUSE has written to the Rev. Edward White as follows:—Will you allow me, with the deepest respect for your age, position, and learning, to point out what seems to me the fallacies of your speech relating to Total Abstinence reformation. 1. You seem to think that it is an article of the Total Abstainers' creed that we "cannot save souls unless we save bodies at the same time." I never heard that stated on any Temperance platform; but we do maintain that if a man is destroying his body with alcohol, or by any other means, he is *ipso facto* destroying his soul; for we must accept the axiom that he that shortens his life is guilty of his own death, and suicides are murderers, and as such excluded from the Kingdom of Heaven by God Himself. 2. You assert "that absolute and universal abstinence from all fermented liquors is not a law of nature." Is not this statement incorrect? Can you mention a single spot on the whole globe where man has found fermented liquors ready provided for him by nature? Alcohol is found in nature, only in the smallest quantities, and that only in dead vegetable matter. Does not nature by refusing to provide fermented liquors, declare its own law of total abstinence from them? 3. You state that abstinence from fermented liquors is not mentioned in the Decalogue or the 613 precepts of Moses. True, but is it a fair inference that therefore God intends us to use them? I submit that it is not, for (1st) the Decalogue does not profess to teach Hygienics (2nd) God never intended by his servant Moses to give a complete list of all things unfit for food, as opium and other such brain destroyers would have been forbidden. God denounces drunkenness in the strongest terms, and He is not the God of results only, but of causes as well. Moreover, have we not denunciations against the use of strong drink all through the Bible? Solomon cautions his son not to "look" upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the glass, when it moveth itself aright (i.e., when it is intoxicating). Hosea (iv. 11) classes wine and whoredom together, stating that they "take away the heart." Not a word about the quantity; the tendency of wine is to do so. St. Peter says "Drink not" (original Greek) 1 Pet. v. 8, 4. You assert that Total Abstinence was not practised by our Lord. I ask you, sir, if this is not plainly untrue? Was not being a *wine drinker* tha false accusation which was brought by "the men of that generation" against our Lord, and dare we take sides with them? 5. I think that more mature consideration will shew you how illogical is your parallel of the celibacy of the Romish priesthood and total abstinence from fermented drinks—celibacy joined with auricular confession has indeed caused grose immorality amongst the Romish priests; but who ever heard of drunkenness being fostered by total abstinence? Were one-hundredth part of the woes pronounced against drink hurled against marriage, we should unhesitatingly assert the latter to be wrong. 6. You accuse us of "stopping the mouths of moderate drinkers in denouncing drunkenness." Sir, it is not we who stop them, but their own consciences, which will not allow them to do so while they themselves are using the very things which make the drunkard. And, lastly, your own words are, "the makers of drunkards shall infallibly be consigned to the abyss of perdition." Who are the drunkard makers? Surely they who provide the drink; and must we not add, they who tell them they do right to drink it. As an elder, I entreat you, consider the awful responsibility of your words. If through them one person has been stopped from joining the total abstainers and ever becomes a drunkard, at whose hands will the Lord require it?

BRO. G. COLLIN, of Cambridge, writes:—Surely the Congregational Union, when they elected their chairman (the Rev. Edward White), could have had no idea that he held such strange notions, or was capable of giving utterance to such absurd nonsense on the subject of Temperance. He begins his attack on total abstinence, as all sophists do, by *assuming* that the use of intoxicating drinks is a lawful enjoyment, to be regulated by occasional or habitual abstinences. But he fails to shew that any use of them does any good, or is either lawful or right. He says "You cannot save souls unless you save bodies as well." Whoever said that they could? He says truly, "A vigorous but wise discipline of all the bodily appetites, formed a

very prominent feature of primitive Christianity." And this, Edward White ought to know, is *Temperance* : the proper use of good things, and total abstinence from bad things. And this ought to be a much more prominent feature in the Christianity of to-day. We are frequently being told that "total abstinence will not save a soul." But Edward White says, "Total abstinence from fermented liquors is good as a habit for all the young and perhaps for most adults ; but assuredly it is the one hope of physical *and Eternal Salvation for drunkards of every degree.*" If an ignorant costermonger had made such a statement, he would have been designated by a class of learned ignoramuses as "one of the unwise advocates of the total abstinence reformation." He tells us, "the movement deserves a high rank in the history of heroic self-denial ; nevertheless, absolute and universal abstinence from all fermented liquors, even the weakest (for claret and brandy are not identical drinks) is surely neither a law of nature, nor a revealed law of God." But Edward White ought to know that the intoxicating parts of claret, brandy, and all other intoxicating drinks *are identical*, are not found in nature, nor do they find sanction in the revealed law of God. "If abstinence was not required by one of the Ten Commandments," does Edward White think that if the commandment had been given, "thou shalt not drink intoxicating drink," to drink it would have been more wrong than it is ? And if the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," had not been given, that therefore stealing would have been right ? If he does, I pity him. Where does Edward White learn that "abstinence from intoxicating drinks was not practised by the Lord Jesus Christ ?" He has a poor opinion of the Master who thinks that He either used, or sanctioned the use of intoxicating drinks, which He knew would, in the coming time, be such a source of misery, sin, and death ; *but He never did.* Again, "The Word of God for Jew and Gentile, both in the Old and New Testaments, forbids drunkenness." Can Edward White define drunkenness apart from the use of intoxicating drinks ? or imagine its existence with abstinence from those drinks ? If a glass of liquor will make a man drunk is he not drunk in degree when he has taken part of it ? And as drinking is practised from a thimbleful to a gallon, can Edward White tell us where sobriety ends and drunkenness begins ? Can Edward White or any of the defenders of drinking intoxicating drinks, of any kind or colour, give a better reason for drinking any defined quantity of them than the thief can give for stealing ? The best reason that men can give for drinking it is "that they believe it does them good." And if Edward White could make London thieves believe that they cannot get good by stealing, they would steal no more. I repeat, Temperance is the proper use of good things ; and abstinence from bad things, and intoxicating drinks are bad, and no man can shew that they have ever done, or can do anything but mischief to the bodies of men. Edward White's sober men (little drinkers) have made all the drunkards that ever have been, and will make all that are to follow. The little-drinking Reverend Johns are setting examples which make many who try to follow them become drunken Jacks. But Edward White can see no other preventative nor cure than to shake before them "the pain of Eternal Damnation, and nothing less," as defeating every right end of human life. "Drunkards," says St. Paul, twice, "cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." The immorality of drinking is not in the kind or quantity of the evil thing taken, but in the act of seeking good from such a source of misery, crime, and death. And while learned ignoramuses teach and claim the right to seek good from the use of these evil drinks, they will make drunkards even as now, notwithstanding all threats of burning flames and eternal damnation. All drunkards are made by drinking intoxicating drinks, and universal abstinence is the only way of universal salvation from drunkenness and its effects. But, "While the leaders of the people lead them astray, they that are led of them shall be destroyed."

THE Executive of the Birmingham Auxiliary of the U.K.A., at a recent meeting, passed a resolution thanking Bro. Malins "for his able and exhaustive paper on compensation recently read at the Social Science Congress."

THE MAY MEETINGS.—Friends visiting London may find excellent day accommodation at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C. Luncheons, teas, &c., at moderate tariff. Country subscriptions 10s. 6d. per annum. Reading and writing-rooms, &c.

Character Dress and Kissing Games.—Along with many more loyal and earnest Good Templars in Carlisle, a city containing six Lodges, I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that character dress and kissing games have received their quietus at the Grand Lodge. I belong to the largest and most successful Lodge in the district of East Cumberland (The Anchor, No. 30), a Lodge that has always adopted those games at seasons when other, and much to be avoided, entertainments were in full swing in the city. By opening our Lodge to the public at such times as the races, the Christmas, and Easter holidays, and allowing a few simple games, we have not only kept our own members together, but have induced large numbers of the general public to come amongst us, and see that Good Templary and teetotalism were not the milk-and-water fads that so many people imagine them to be. The consequence is that we have added several to our Lodge who had not the most remote idea of joining the Order. It is most disheartening to find year by year that our numbers are getting smaller, and that no rational or common sense effort is made to check this decrease ; on the contrary, we are so overridden with faddists that to attempt to increase our numbers is now out of the question. Like other large institutions, we will have to go with the times. People are wise enough now to know that the proper place to perform their devotions is at their own place of worship. They will not sit in a Templar Lodge and listen to an amateur cleric, nor to the cut and dried old old stories of the would-be goody-goody. What the people want is harmless and healthy recreation, and not so much lecturing. As to the silly talk about the immorality of the games, a greater piece of humbug I cannot conceive. If our daughters are never led into greater temptation than kissing games I am content to trust mine, whilst at the same time I would not allow them to look in at some of our first-class print sellers' windows. I know for a positive fact that had the six Lodges in Carlisle been polled, 95 per cent. would have voted in favour of the games. If you will kindly find space for this rather long epistle, it may be the means of drawing a fuller opinion of the great body of our brethers and sisters than has hitherto been expressed.—JOHN R. MATTHEWS, P.W.C.T, Anchor Lodge and D.G.W.C.T., City of Carlisle Degree Temple.

How to Increase Interest in our Lodges.—The plan adopted by my Lodge is, I think, as good as any to forward this purpose, viz., to send a report of the proceedings of the Lodge meetings to some local paper every week, commencing with the name and number of the Lodge, I.O.G.T. (in large type) with place of meeting ; then state that "the Lodge was called to order at 8 o'clock." The calling to order is, I believe, a term used by our Order only, and at once strikes the eyes of the public as something fresh—not to say unique—which attracts their attention, and they read the whole report, thus learning that Sister Jones gave an original reading, or Bro. Robinson sang a new song, or whatever else the entertaining portion of the proceedings might have been, so creating a sort of interest in the affair ; and they will *look for* the report next week. By this means, you see, a free advertisement appears every week, from which some good must surely come. We, in Harlesden, have been able to trace several converts to our cause from this source alone. Another feature will be found where Lodges adopt this plan, and it is this : Many members may be induced to attend the Lodge meetings, and assist in the working of same, if by so doing their names will appear in a public print. Of course the "good men and true" are not included in this category, but we all know there are certain classes of our members who seldom attend their own or any other Lodge, and I put this forward as a means of bringing them "up to the scratch." There may be some Lodges who have tried this, without any apparent success, or the editors may have ignored their reports ; but sisters and brothers, keep worrying them (the editors) and you will win in the end. I am happy to say there are now very few papers which do not count at least one abstainer on its "staff," and if you can only secure that man as a member of your Lodge I'll answer for it your reports will regularly appear. This will entail a little extra work for one or two members of the Lodge, but they musn't mind that. Look at the prospect in view—increased membership and good attendance.—Yours fraternally, CHRISS. WILLSON, Harlesden Lodge.

Prayer Meetings at Grand Lodge.—I have had the privilege of attending seven out of the 16 Grand Lodge Sessions held in England, viz., Bradford, London, Newcastle, Plymouth, Hull, Southampton, Leicester, and Newport, and among many things that interested me at these annual gatherings, not the least was the morning prayer meetings. But this year was an exception to the rule. On Tuesday morning about 20 were present ; on Wednesday only eight ; and on Thursday only a brother from Street and myself, and as we were leaving we met a sister just coming in. Now, what the meetings were on Monday and Friday I cannot say, as I left early on Friday morning. I can but say how I was grieved to see such a contrast to what I had seen in former years. The remembrance of some of the prayer meetings held are very pleasing and delightful, and one that was held at Hull in the open air (as we could not get the key of the hall), led by Bro. Rev. J. Hargreaves, will long be remembered. Now, why this contrast ? I know there are excuses, such as getting home to breakfast and to G.L. again by nine o'clock ; but there have been the same difficulties in former years, and the old adage holds good still—"Prayer and prevender hinder no man." I am afraid this, among others, is one source of leakage. If we lose our faith and interest in prayer we shall resemble Samson when shorn of his locks, and be powerless in fight with this terrible foe, strong drink. I have given this gentle hint, hoping it may not be forgotten next year, when G.L. meets in London, nor when it meets in the Isle of Wight, as I hear some intimation of an invitation being given for 1888.—W. HERBERT, P.D.D., Isle of Wight.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED AT G.L. SESSION.

ASSISTANT GRAND MARSHALS.—Bro. J. Waine, Notts ; Bro. T. C. Macrow, Middlesex ; Sister M. M. Wheeler, Devon, S. ; Sister Collings, Lancashire, S.W.

ASSISTANT GRAND MESSENGERS.—Bro. W. Wilde, Warwick ; Bro. F. W. Fines, Derby ; Sister Aspey, Hants, S. ; Sister Smith, Lincoln ; Sister Robinson, Northumberland.

ASSISTANT GRAND GUARDS.—Bro. Ellery, Isle of Wight ; Bro. Mason, Cheshire, E. and M. ; Sister Davis, Wilts.

ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS.—Bro. Lucas, Gloucester, W. ; Bro. Tocker, Cumberland, W.

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COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE TEMPLARY.—Sister L. Walshaw, G.S.J.T. ; Bros. T. W. Smyth, Durham, S. ; D. Gover, Middlesex ; J. Wilshaw, Stafford, N. ; Sister H. M. Carter, Sussex.

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COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.—Bros. Rev. S. J. Southwood, Beds. ; C. Pinhorn, Surrey, E. and M. ; A. Robinson, Northumberland ; W. S. Phillips, Kent, E. ; C. J. Whitehead, Yorks., S. W.

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COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.—Vacancies were filled by appointing :—Bros. F. A. Bunting, Oxon ; J. Plymen, Surrey, W. ; S. Alexander, Suffolk.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE D.S.J.T. CASE.—Bros. Rev. J. Deans, Yorks, C. ; W. C. Holmwood, Dorset ; W. J. Bradden, Devon, E.

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G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The G.W.C.T. desires reminders of any meetings at which he is expected, in addition to the following, of which he has proper notice: Wednesbury Leek, Burslem, Torquay, Plymouth, Penzance. Crystal Palace Fête, Lancaster, Spalding, Woodstock, and Derby.

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

May 17.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
May 24.	—Northumberland	....St. James' School, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
,, 24.	—Warwick	....Public Hall, Erdington.
,, 25.	—Durham, S.	....Butterknowle, viâ Darlington.
,, 25.	—Hants., S	....Gosport.
,, 26.	—Kent, M.	....Durham.
,, 26.	—Surrey, W.	....Ward's street Hall, Guildford.
,, 27.	—Leicester	....Leicester.
,, 29.	—Cheshire, W.	....Brassey-street, Birkenhead.
,, 29.	—Lancashire, S.W.	....Earlstown, Newton-le-Willows.
,, 29.	—Middlesex	....South-place Chapel, Finsbury.
,, 29.	—Durham, N.	....Ryhope Colliery.
June 2.	—Yorks, E.	....Skipsea.
,, 14.	—Monmouth	....Abergavenny.
,, 21.	—Cornwall, E.	....Gunnislake.
,, 21.	—Stafford, S.	....Brownhills.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the Watchword.

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tax received from District Lodges during the week for the quarter ending with January 31, is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
May 7, Gold Coast...	2	10	2
May 8, Antwerp	0	14	6
May 11, Port of Hamburg	0	7	0
May 14, Naval (balance of tax)	1	15	6
May 18, Yorks E. (May tax)	5	2	11
	£10	10	1

John B. Collings, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.

G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

THE REASONABLENESS OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

By J. James Ridge, M.D., B.S., B.A., B.Sc., London.

Physician to the London Temperance Hospital, Honorary Secretary of the British Medical Temperance Association, &c.

In a valuable paper upon this subject, which was read by Bro. Dr. J. J. Ridge at the recent Temperance Congress held at Croydon, the arguments in support of abstinence were summed up as follows:—

IT IS MORE REASONABLE TO ABSTAIN FROM ALCOHOL THAN TO DRINK IT—

1. Because it is a narcotic drug which prevents the proper performance of the functions of the nervous system, weakens the will, warps the judgment, reduces the powers of self-control over thoughts, words, and actions, and thus promotes moral evil.

2. Because it creates, in common with other narcotics, a craving or desire for itself, which, under unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, may become irresistible.

3. Because its habitual use exposes the body to disease, leads to premature degeneration, and shortens life.

4. Because small (so-called moderate) doses have the small kind of action as large ones, and a greater effect than can be perceived at the time, especially by the unaided and alcohol-injured senses of the drinker.

5. Because alcohol hinders the due performance of work, is not able to take the place of food, and injures the body in proportion to the quantity taken.

6. Because it is capable of so altering the body by its habitual use as to seem necessary for the maintenance of ordinary health, thus giving rise to those fallacious sensations by which so many are deceived.

7. Because the assertion that alcohol is necessary for some constitutions, or under some circumstances, rests on no well-ascertained or incontrovertible facts or figures, but is a mere assertion, rendered more than doubtful by the same claim being made for other narcotics, and by the ignominious failure of false prophets of evil. Further, it is totally disproved by the experience of millions of total abstainers, of all ages, of both sexes, and under every conceivable circumstance.

8. Because the greatest feats of skill, hard work, and endurance are performed, and performed more easily, by those who are habitual total abstainers, or who become so for a time for the very purpose of steadying their nerves, and increasing their strength.

9. Because the advice of Solomon the Wise* and of the Apostle Peter†—*Nepsate*: do not drink wine or strong drink—agrees with the result of experience and the latest teaching of science, and if followed, will prevent the lessening of Temperance or self-control, will diminish vice, crime, and misery, and render this world a happier and a holier place.

Bro. T. W. Glover.—A public meeting was held in the Lyceum Hall, Dunedin, New Zealand, on March 31, to welcome Bro. Sir W. Fox, R.W.G.A.S., and Bro. W. Glover, P.G.W.M., on their arrival in the colony. The Mayor presided and there was a large attendance. Effective speeches were given by our brethren and other gentlemen.

Death of Mrs. E. C. A. Allen.—The ranks of Temperance *littérateurs* are once again thinned by the death of the esteemed lady whose name heads this announcement. The deceased lady was a widow, and an active worker in the Sunday-schools of the U.M.F.C. body, and frequently appeared on Temperance platforms. She was known widely as the authoress of the "Westons of Riverdale" and "Echoes of Heart Whispers." Mrs. Allen died suddenly at her residence at Bury, on the 11th inst. The funeral took place on Saturday, May 15th, the body of the deceased lady being interred in the burial ground attached to the Bury Brunswick Chapel. About 500 persons joined in the procession, including representatives from the Temperance and other societies with which she was connected. The coffin was covered with a number of beautiful wreaths. A large concourse of people assembled along the route from the deceased lady's residence to the graveyard, while the chapel and burial ground were crowded

*Proverbs xxiii, 31, 32; and xxxi, 5, 6.

†1 Peter v, 8.

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SCIENTIFIC TRUTH.

EXTRACT FROM A LECTURE DELIVERED AT THE ROYAL AQUARIUM, LONDON, BY DR. HENRY R. TAYLOR, OF NEW YORK.

We published in these columns some few weeks ago a synopsis of a lecture delivered before the Balloon Society of the Royal Aquarium by Dr. Taylor, of New York. There were so many new ideas presented, and startling revelations made by the lecturer, that we are induced to present another extract. In addition to the valuable matter it contains, it will be found exceedingly interesting. Speaking of the kidneys and their functions, the doctor said:—"That I may emphasise and clearly explain the relation the kidneys sustain to the general health, and how much is dependent upon them, I propose, metaphorically speaking, to take one from the human body, place it in the wash-bowl before us, and examine it for the public benefit.

"You will imagine that we have before us a body shaped like a bean, smooth and glistening, about four inches in length, two in width, and one in thickness. It ordinarily weighs in the adult male about five ounces, but is somewhat lighter in the female. A small organ? you say. But understand, the body of the average size man contains about *ten quarts of blood of which every drop passes through these filters or sewers*, as they may be called *many times a day*, as often as through the heart, making a complete revolution in *three minutes*. From the blood they separate the waste material, werking away steadily, night and day, sleeping or waking, tireless as the heart itself, and fully as much vital importance; removing impurities from 65 *gallons of blood each hour*, or about 49 barrels each day, or 9,125 hogsheads a year! What a wonder that the kidneys can last any length of time under this prodigious strain, treated and neglected as they are!

"We slice this delicate organ open lengthwise with our knife, and will roughly describe its interior.

"We find it to be of a reddish-brown colour, soft, and easily torn; filled with hundreds of little tubes, short and thread-like, starting from the arteries, ending in a little tuft about midway from the outside opening into a cavity of considerable size, which is called the pelvis, or, roughly speaking, a sac, which is for the purpose of holding the water to further undergo purification before it passes down from here into the ureters, and so on to the outside of the body. These little tubes are the filters which do their werk automatically, and *right here is where the disease of the kidney first begins.*

"Doing the vast amount of work which they are obliged to, from the shightest irregularity in our habits, from cold, from high living, from stimulants, or a thousand and one other causes which occur every day, they become somewhat weakened in their nerve force.

"What is the result? Congestion or steppage of the current of blood in the small blood vessels surrounding them, which become blocked; these delicate membranes are irritated; inflammation is set up, then pus is formed, which collects in the pelvis or sac; the tubes are at first partially, and soon are totally, unable to do their work. The pelvic sac goes on distending with this corruption pressing upon the blood vessels. All this time, remember, the blood, which is entering the kidneys to be filtered, *is passing through this terrible, disgusting pus*, for it cannot take any other route.

"Stop and think of it for a moment. Do you realise the importance, nay, the vital necessity, of having the kidneys in order? Can you expect when they are diseased or obstructed, no matter how little, that you can have *pure blood and escape disease?* It would be just as reasonable to expect, if a pest-house were set across Regent-street and countless thousands were compelled to go through its pestilential doors, and escape from contagion and disease, as for one to expect the blood to escape pollution when constantly running through a diseased kidney.

"Now, what is the result? Why, that the blood takes up and deposits this poison, as it sweeps along, into every organ, into every inch of muscle, tissue, flesh, and bone, from your head to your feet. And whenever, from hereditary influence or otherwise, some part of the body is weaker than another, a countless train of diseases is established, such as consumption, in weak lungs; dyspepsia, where there is a delicate stomach; nervousness, insanity, paralysis or heart disease in those who have weak nerves.

"*The heart must soon feel the effects of the poison, as it requires pure blood to keep it in right action.* It increases its strokes in number and force to compensate for the natural stimulus wanting, in its endeavour to crowd the impure blood through this obstruction, causing pain, palpitation, or an out-of-breath feeling. Unnatural as this forced labour is, the heart must soon falter, becoming weaker and weaker, until one day it *suddenly stops*, and death from apparent 'heart disease' is the verdict!

"But the medical profession, learned and dignified, call these diseases by high-sounding names, treat them alone, and patients die, *for the arteries are carrying slow death to the affected part*, constantly adding fuel brought from these suppurating, pus-laden kidneys which here in our wash-bowl are very putrefaction itself, and which should have been cured first.

"But this is not all the kidneys have to do; for you must remember that each adult takes about seven pounds of nourishment every 24 hours to supply the waste of the body which is constantly going on, a waste equal to the quantity taken. This, too, the kidneys have to separate from the blood with all other decomposing matter.

"But you say, my kidneys are all right. I have no pain in the back." Mistaken man! People die of kidney disease of so bad a character that the organs are rotten, and yet they have *never there had a pain nor an ache!*

"Why? Because the disease begins, as we have shown, in the interior of the kidney, where *there are few nerves of feeling* to convey the sensation of pain. Why this is so we may never know.

"When you consider their great work, the delicacy of their structure, the ease with which they are deranged, can you wonder at the ill-health of our men and women? Health and long life cannot be expected when so vital an organ is impaired. No wonder some writers say we are degenerating. Don't you see the great, the extreme importance of keeping this machinery in werking order? Could the finest engine do even a fractional part of this work, without attention from the engineer? Don't you see how dangerous this hidden disease is? It is lurking about us constantly, without giving any indication of its presence.

"The most skilful physicians cannot detect it at times, *for the kidneys themselves cannot be examined* by any means which we have at our command. Even an analysis of the water, chemically and microscopically, reveals nothing definite in many cases, even when the kidneys are fairly broken down.

"Then look out for them, as disease, no matter where situated, to 93 per cent., as shewn by after-death examinations, has its origin in the breaking down of these secreting tubes in the interior of the kidneys.

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KINDRED ORGANISATIONS.

Baptist Total Abstinence Association.

At the Metropolitan Tabernacle on May 12 the annual meeting of this association took place, under the presidency of Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., the president. There was a large attendance. The report shewed that the membership of the association consisted of 1,279 ministers, 2,914 church officers and subscribers, and 200 students of colleges; total, 4,393, an increase of 316 on the previous year. The college returns shewed that 200 students out of 238 were abstainers. Twenty-four new affiliations had been received during the year, making the total number of societies in affiliation 84. These reported a membership of 13,500. New pledges taken during the year 5,290. About two-thirds of the Sunday scholars who had joined churches during the past year were connected with the Bands of Hope and Temperance societies. The chairman, the Rev. David Davies, Regent's Park Chapel, Mr. H. J. Wilson, M.P., and others also spoke.

Church of England Temperance Society.

The 24th annual meeting of the Total Abstinence section, was held on Wednesday evening, May 12, at Exeter Hall, the Bishop of Durham presiding. The report stated that the Council were thankful to be able to point not only to a large increase in the work done, but also to some improvement in the organisation of the society. Although there had been an increase in the income of the society, there was a deficit on the year's work, after taking liabilities into account of £48. The returns of membership shewed an increase of over 77,000 upon the number given last year, the total number of members now being 734,750. In the Women's Union progress was reported, 13 new branches having been added to the head centre, 73 are now affiliated direct, and about 17 to Diocesan centres, making a total of 90 branches. The Police-court Rescue Work has been continued with the best results.—The Rev. Canon Ellison, the Rev. Canon Lloyd, Mr. C. E. Tritton, the Rev. A. Robinson, and others addressed the meeting.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On the 11th, about 100 members and friends of the Southampton Lodge assembled together at a social tea, held in the Sir Bevis Lodge, to bid farewell to Bro. and Sister Adams, who are leaving for a Local Government appointment in Kent, for which they were selected out of 35 applicants. Speeches were delivered regretting the loss to the town, and congratulating our brother and sister upon their appointment. As very old, indefatigable workers in the town, their departure will be keenly felt. The meeting passed off very successfully.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury.—Norwood Schools, Southall. 7.30.
Benjamin Franklin.—Percy Hall, 8, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road.
Gruthacher.—1, Wells-buildings, Hamustead, N.W. 8.15.
King's Messenger.—Coffee Palace, High-st., Notting Hill Gate.
Orange Branch Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Loog's-court). 8.15.
Peckham Dewdrop.—St. George's Hall, St. George's-rd., Peckham.
Regina.—British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock.—Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
South Metropolitan Temperance Hall, Blackfriars-rd., S.E., 8.15
Vernon.—176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert.—Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood.—32, Beason-st., New Cross, S.E.
Jaket Burns.—Lecture Hall, Church-st., Edgware-rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior.—Working Men's Co. Tav., Church-st., Deptford
Stratford Excelsior.—Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
William Tewsley.—Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

WEDNESDAY.

Citizen.—Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey.—Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream.—St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd.—Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Harringay.—Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
Joseph Payne.—Christ Church Sch., Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Carthy.—Association Hall, Lecture-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior.—Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential.—The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (nr. Kennington Gate).
The Mint.—Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace.—Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London.—Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield.—Parsdale-road School, Clapham-road.
Heart's Content.—68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15.
Hope of Streatham.—Iron Schools, Natal-road, Streatham.
James McCurry.—Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch.—Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston.—42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park.—Prim. Meth. School, Travahett-road. 8.15.
Silver Street.—Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton.—Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity.—Prim. Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy.—Camden Hall, King-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen.—Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Grosvenor.—Teetotal Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Allisopp Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham.—Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton.—Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London.—Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road,

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone.—Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorneloe.—22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson.—Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Aussell.—Wellington Hall, Wellington-st., Upper-st. Islington
Mile End.—German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park.—Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale.—Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star.—Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex.—Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park.—Beetham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle.—High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—Comely Palatine.—Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—British Rose.—Templars' Miss. Rm. (back Adelphi-st.),
SANDWICH.—Richbory Castle.—Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Underclift.—Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam.—Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BOOMINGHAM.—Buckingham.—Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge, O.T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees.—National Schools, Church-road. 7.30
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope.—Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy.—Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon.—Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
HULL.—Paragon.—O.T. Hall, St. John's-street. Juv. Temp. 6.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior.—Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge.—Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. T. Garrett, 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace.—Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.).—Ryde.—Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Pyramid.—Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own.—Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CROYDON.—Octavon.—Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook.—National School-room.
GODALMING.—Friends.—Congregational School-room.
HULL.—Always Active.—Lowgate Union-street Club-room.
NORBITON.—Hope of Norbiton, Prim. Meth. Ch., Victoria-road.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum.—British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards.—Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer.—Prim. Meth. School-room, Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton.—Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street.—Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont.—Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star.—Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel.—Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull.—O.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum.—Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel.—Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City.—Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance.—Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30.
RAMSGATE.—Snug Harbour.—Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Hand in Hand.—Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
ST. NEOTS.—Star of St. Neots.—Wesleyan Day School.

FRIDAY.

BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard.—Lewes Rd., Coop'l. Schl. Rm., 8.15
BRISTOL.—Morning Star.—Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall.—Congregational School. 7.30.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford.—Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HULL.—United Effort Club Room, Lower Union-street 7.30.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome.—Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Loyal R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvanor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge.—Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford.—Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Bethel.—Friendly Societies' Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth.—Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30
YORK.—Harbour of Friendship.—Lendal School-room. 7.30.

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow.—Temp. Hall, Greengate.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue.—Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
LEEDS.—St. George's Rosebud.—Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Cavendish-road.
MANCHESTER.—Conflict et Labore.—5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love.—Hope Chapel School-room, Ebrington-street.
PONTLWAIN (Mon.).—Esmond.—Trinity School-room.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock.—O. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's.—Thomas Court.—Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross.—77, Calle de las Piedras.—Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer.—Calle Guarani, No. 19.—Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton.—Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Elizabeth-street), Carlton.—Monday.

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ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Aden, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim.—Sailors' Home, Marina.—Wed. 7.
RAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior.—2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort, Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's.—1st Black Watch.—Fencing Room, Kasr-el-Nil Barracks, Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. O. Bedson.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship.—Inf. Sch., Camp, Wed.
EGYPT.—Lorne.—N.W. Block, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. CYCLOPS, ZANZIBAR.—Of the East.—Tues.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison.—Cairo Restaurant.—Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace.—Tues. 7
RICHMOND (Yks.)—Howard's Green, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHORNCLIFFE.—Hope Mission-room, High-street.—Monday.
MALTA.—Shropshire Guiding Star.—The Rest.—Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13, Infant School.—Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—The White and Blue.—I.O.G.T. Hall.—Sat. 7.
PORTSEA.—Nil Desperandum.—Cairo Restaurant.—Thursday. 7.
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HOUSE OF LORDS.

MAY 13.—THE DURHAM SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

The MARQUIS OF SALISBURY called attention to the fact that the committee on the Durham Sunday Closing Bill was on the order for the evening, and suggested that a sufficient time had not been allowed for putting down amendments. He proposed that it would be more in accordance with their lordships' practice to postpone the committee, say till that day week.

The EARL OF WEMYSS hoped that one amendment would be to except the city of Durham from the operation of the Bill, and another to limit the duration of the Act. The Lord Chancellor had suggested that the petition containing 60,000 signatures was not a *bond fide* petition; and he (Earl Wemyss) would propose that both the petitions for and against the Bill should be referred to a committee for examination.

The BISHOP OF DURHAM was quite willing to meet the convenience of their lordships, and said he would consider the matter, and name another day for the committee.

MAY 18.—DURHAM SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

The EARL OF WEMYSS moved: "That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the validity of all petitions presented to this House for or against the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill, and of the signatures attached thereto, with a view to ascertaining how far such signatures are or are not genuine."

The LORD CHANCELLOR said when the monster petition containing 60,000 signatures was presented against the Bill, he stated at the time that it was possible to over-estimate the importance of petitions presented to the House. He had received several petitions with reference to the petition in question, one from a Good Templar, who stated that he signed the petition under the impression that it was in favour of Sunday Closing. (Laughter.) He had asked his clerk to look through some of the signatures, and he had discovered that many were evidently in the same handwriting. Under those circumstances he could not oppose the motion.

The motion was then agreed to.

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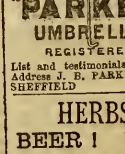

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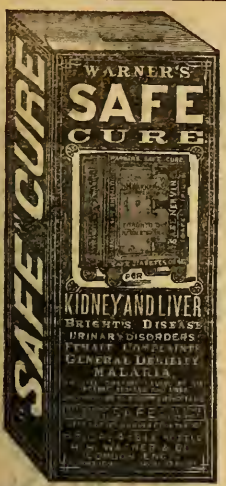

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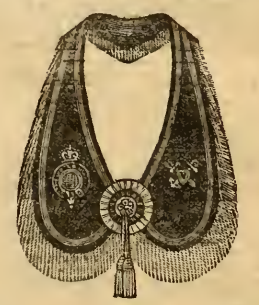

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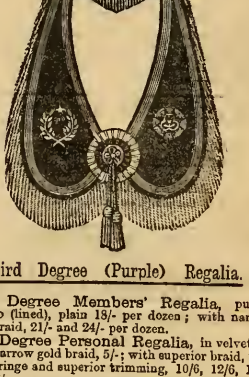

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THE TEETOTALERS OF THE BIBLE.

FIRST PRIZE PAPER IN THE "JUVENILE TEMPLAR."

[BY ANNIE SANDFORD, aged 13½ years.]

It must be very interesting to all teetotalers to know that not only are there abstainers mentioned in the Bible, but that they are always spoken of as being the better for it. The first mentioned as an abstainer from his birth is Samson, and he was, as we all know, the strongest man that ever lived; but although he was so strong, he never drank anything but water. Those people who say that they drink to revive their spirits, should take their Bibles, and see what Samson drank when he was faint with thirst, after killing a thousand Philistines with a jaw-bone of an ass.

In Jermiah we read of the Rechabites, who were obedient to Jonadab their father, and drank no wine, though they were tempted by Jeremiah the prophet in the House of the Lord; and there are still the great numbers of their decendants, who live just the same as their forefathers did so many years ago, and they are still faithful to their promise never to drink wine.

One of the most important laws for the priests was that they should not drink any wine or strong drink when they went into the tabernacle, lest they should die.

The Nazarites were a sect of people who separated themselves unto the Lord, and vowed a vow that they would eat or drink nothing which was made from the vine tree.

All through the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the wilderness they had nothing but water to drink, thus shewing that whole nations can very well do without strong drink.

The last teetotalers that we read of in the Old Testament are Daniel and his three friends, who would not drink the king's wine, but drank water instead, and they were found to be fairer and healthier than those who drank wine.

There are not many abstainers mentioned in the New Testament, but we know that John the Baptist was one, and of him Christ said, "There hath not risen a greater."

There are many who say that Christ also was an abstainer, and it is very likely He was; for He would not drink when they offered Him wine mingled with myrrh, before He was crucified; and also He never spoke of wine by that name, but always called it the "fruit of the vine."

It is very probable that Timothy was an abstainer, for Paul when writing to him, said, "Be no longer a drinker of water, but use a little wine, for thy stomach's sake," and from these words we see that Timothy was an abstainer before.

GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Despite the great storm of wind and rain which startled the Metropolis early on Saturday morning, May 22, and the very unsettled state of the weather thereafter during the day, some 80 subscribers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Orphanage, held at the Institution, Sunbury. The attendance was the largest perhaps ever recorded at previous annual meetings, and was in a measure brought about by the District Juvenile Council of Middlesex, whose secretary, Bro. J. B. Scott, arranged an excursion, and obtained the concession of a reduced fare for all those journeying by the 2.35 p.m. train from Waterloo. Accordingly, some 30 members of the Order took advantage of this privilege to visit the home of our little orphans:

Among those present were:—Bro. E. Wood, P.G.W.T. (chairman of the Board); Bro. S. R. Rolfe, Past P.G.S.J.T. (hon. sec.); Bro. Captain W. H. Phipps, R.N., P.D.C.T.; Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Young, Bro. F. W. Dimbleby, Past P.D.C.T.; Bro. J.H. Retallack-Moloney, W.D.S.; Sister Mrs. Browne, Bro. Froome Talfourd, members of the Board of Management; Sister Rolfe, Sister Dimbleby, Bro. Insull, and Mrs. and Miss Insull; Bro. Lieutenant W. J. Phillips, R.A.; Bro. Wawrinsky, G.W.Co., Sweden; Bro. J. B. Scott, Bro. R. Hyde, D.E.S., and Mrs. and Miss Hyde; Sister Mrs. Weeks, Sister Mrs. Haarnack, Bro. E. A. Gibson, Bro. T. C. Macrow, Bro. R. W. Bowers, Bro. H. Browne, and Miss Browne, Bro. F. W. Thorne, Bro. John Mann, and Mrs. Mann, and others, making very "good company" indeed.

The time which elapsed between the arrival at the Orphanage and the serving of tea, was spent by a few at croquet on the lawn, and by the majority in a tour of inspection of the premises, kitchen garden, poultry yard, &c., the excellent condition everything was found in calling forth many expressions of approval.

Tea was partaken of at five o'clock, and at 6 p.m. the subscribers' meeting was held in the school-room, which was crowded. During the proceedings a telegram of greeting was received from the West Kent D.L. in session at Sidcup, and replied to. Bro. WOOD having been voted to the chair,

Bro. ROLFE (hon. sec.) read the annual report of the Board of Management, which was as follows:—

It is with pleasure that the Board of Management again meets the subscribers to present to them its annual report upon the position of the Orphanage, together with the balance-sheet and statement of accounts. There are now in the home 54 children—32 boys and 22 girls—13 of whom have been admitted during the past year, 15 children having left during the same period. No serious cases of illness have occurred among them, and the freedom from sickness is not only a cause for thankfulness, but affords unmistakable evidence of the care exercised in the management of the children's health. The national character of the institution is indicated by the widely extended area from which the children have been received. The number of counties represented by them has been further increased by the addition of Essex and Sussex to the list, while one boy has recently been received from Antwerp

upon the nomination of the Good Templar Lodge meeting in that city. It is a matter for regret that the financial position of the Orphanage is not so satisfactory as could be wished, and the Board ask for this the serious consideration of all its friends and subscribers. It is necessary that efforts should be made to increase its income and so enable the home to be maintained with its full number of inmates and allow the board to consider the many necessitous cases among the applicants for admission. The accompanying balance-sheet will shew that the receipts of the year have again fallen far short of the expenditure, and in consequence the Board feel it necessary to defer the filling of any vacancies that may arise until their resources are strengthened or the number of children considerably reduced. The income of the year, apart from the building fund, has been £988 5s., of which the collections from English Lodges and Juvenile Temples amount to £623 18s. 1½d., a falling off from the previous year, when the receipts from the same sources were £675 5s. 6¾d. The total receipts for the general fund are £65 below those shewn in last report. This decrease may be partially accounted for by an alteration in the method of book-keeping, in consequence of which various amounts which would, under the former arrangement, have appeared in this year's receipts will now be included in next year's accounts. All expenditure is now charged to the general fund (including interest on mortgage and bank charges amounting to £143 10s. 4d., with other items, hitherto placed to the building fund). This arrangement will indicate clearly the financial condition of the institution, but its result is to swell the expenditure of the year, as shewn in the general account. The debt upon the building is, however, reduced to the full amount of sums specially given to the building fund, to which no outlay will in future be charged. The expenditure of the year is shewn to be £1,269 1s. 2d., being £128 5s. 6d. in excess of the gross receipts for both general and building funds, and exceeding by £230 the amounts placed to the credit of the general fund only. This is the third year in which the expenditure has exceeded the the income in the general fund, as will be seen by the summary now given, and our reserve fund has in consequence almost disappeared :—Receipts, year ending 31st January 31, 1884, £1,086 3s. 10d. ; expenditure, £1,125 10s. 2d. ; receipts, year ending January 31, 1885, £1,053 11s. 6d. ; expenditure, £1,141 6s. 10d. ; year ending January 31, 1886, £988 5s. 10d., 1,269 1s. 2d., or, including Building Fund contributions, £1,140 15s. 8d.

As in last year's report, so now the contributions from Good Templar Lodges have been grouped to correspond with the areas occupied by the various District Lodges, and the list of subscriptions will shew the amount received from each. The Districts contributing the largest amounts are—Mid Kent, £55 17s. 1d.; East Kent, £52 18s. 1d. ; Middlesex, £48 5s. 3d.; E and M. Surrey, £46 1s. 7½d.; West Gloucester, £39 14s. 2d.; and West Kent, £28 17s. 0½d.

The receipts on account of the building fund have been £152 10s. 8d., of which £132 0s. 8d. was the proceeds of the bazaar held at the Orphanage during the summer, and £10 voted by the Crystal Palace Fête (1884) Committee, supplementing the sum of £50 voted by that body the previous year. The debt upon the building is now £3,329 11s. 7d. instead of £3,482 2s. 3d., as shewn in last report.

In addition to the bazaar held at the Orphanage, another was organised by True Unity of Tonbridge Lodge (842), which resulted in £35 6s. being added to our funds. The members of the Order in West Gloucester District have also remitted £25 5s. as the result of their efforts in the same direction. The institution would receive material aid if our members in other parts would do their best to obtain funds in similar manner. The income has again been augmented by a grant from the Education Department following the usual examination by Her Majesty's Inspector. The board have again great pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient and willing services of the members of the staff. The members of the board who now retire, but are eligible for re-election, are Messrs. Wood, Talfourd, Kempster, and Bowen.

The Chairman, in moving that the report and balance be adopted, printed, and circulated among the subscribers, observed that he was pleased to see so large a gathering, and hoped it indicated a growing interest in the welfare of the institution, in spite of the failing off in the income last year. A most gratifying statement in the report was the reference to the continued good health of the children, for which they must all be truly thankful. During the whole year the services of the medical officer had only been required once, for one child. This proved not only the advantages of total abstinence, but that the children were properly cared for—their principles of wholesome diet and cleanliness—and he believed in the use of plenty of water outside as well as in—contributing largely to their good state of health. On the question of finance, Bro. Wood urged upon all present to obtain for the institution a larger and more sympathetic recognition by the general Temperance community. He remarked that it could not be too widely known that the institution was not solely for the children of Good Templars, but was open to all sections of the Temperance movement, as their rules would shew. He noted with interest that the districts contributing the largest sums to the funds were those nearest to the institution, thus shewing that those having the opportunity of frequently visiting the place were satisfied with the management, and increased contributions was the result. He wished that something could be done to establish a system of honorary lady collectors in all parts of the country. He was sure great good would follow ; and ladies were asked to correspond with the hon. sec. with a view of carrying this idea into effect. Another gratifying circumstance was the report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, whose endorsement of the examination papers, though brief, spoke volumes. He wrote, "The school continues to be pleasantly and satisfactorily conducted." (Applause.) He (Bro. Wood), however, regretted that they were about to lose their able governess, Miss Palmer, who is shortly leaving with her mother for India, and he wished her in the name of the meeting a pleasant voyage, and great prosperity.

Bro. Capt. Phipps, in seconding the resolution, complained of the many drains upon the resources of the members of the Order, diverting, he said, sums that should flow into the coffers of the institution which he thought did not obtain the consideration it certainly deserved to do.

Bro. Lieut. Wawrinsky, G.W.Co. (Sweden), who was heartily received, spoke in support of the motion, as did also Bro. Mann, and it was adopted. The following resolutions were also agreed to :—

Moved by Bro. Dimbleby, seconded by Bro. Moloney—"That the retiring members of the board, Messrs. Wood, Talfourd, Kempster, and Bowen be re-elected."

Moved by Bro. Mann, seconded by Bro. Bowers —"That Messrs. Robinson and Churchman be re-elected auditors for the coming year."

Moved by Bro. Macrow, seconded by Mr. Lambert—"That the hearty thanks of the subscribers be presented to the officers and other members of the Board of Management for their valuable services duringthe y ear."

Moved by Bro. Insull, seconded by Bro. Woollacott—"That the hearty thanks of the subscribers be presented to the auditors, Messrs. Churchman and Robinson."

Moved by Mrs. Browne, seconded by Bro. Talfourd—"That the hearty thanks of the subscribers be presented to the matron and other members of the staff."

Sister Cunnington having replied to the last resolution in a nice little speech, the proceedings terminated.

Alcohol in Workhouses.—A Model Bill.—The return, laid before the Chesterfield Board of Guardians, on May 15, as to the consumption of intoxicants in the Chesterfield Workhouse during the year 1885 is as satisfactory as the most ardent tectotaler could desire. The total cost of the wine, spirits and beer consumed in the whole 12 months was only £4 10s. 6½d. and as the average number of persons in the house during that period was 345, it follows that the cost was only a trifle over threepence per annum for each inmate. Evidently the "drink" has only been used for "medical purposes," and then only in homeopathic doses. It was remarked that the figures would compare favourably with those of most of the workhouses in the country. They certainly do with these of other workhouses in Derbyshire. In the Derby Workhouse, with an average of about 450 inmates, the cost of intoxicants last year was about £113; at Belper, with 246 inmates, it was £32 17s. 3d.; and at Bakewell, with 140 inmates, it was £15 6s. 3d. In other words the cost for each inmate for the 12 months was—at Derby 5s., at Belper 2s. 8d., at Bakewell 2s. 2d., and at Chesterfield 3d.—*Derbyshire Courier.*

DISTRICT LODGES.

*** It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

East Gloucester.—Bath Bridge Schoolroom, Tetbury, May 20. The D.L. was opened in due form by Bro. C. Long, D.C.T., at 12.30 p.m. The Third Degree was conferred on four candidates, after which an adjournment was made for luncheon ; reassembled at 2.15, all the officers being present except the W.D.M. The minutes of the annual session were read and confirmed. The reports of officers shewed that the Order was getting up to its old standard again, there being an increase of 88 in the Sub-Lodges, and 108 in the Juvenile Temples. The W.D.T. reported £7 17s. 6d. in hand. Several resolutions for the good of the Juvenile Order were adopted, as also were the reports of the Executive and *True Templar* agent. A finance committee was appointed to report at next session. The report of the G.L. representative was submitted by Bro. Rev. E. Turland, and unanimously adopted. Several reports were given by the visiting deputies. The next place of meeting was referred to the Executive with powers. Regret was expressed that a paper by Bro. Hopkins, W.D.Co. could not be read for want of time, and the Lodges were urged to invite Bro. Hopkins to read it at their sessions. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Tetbury members for their arrangements during the day, and the D.L. closed at 5.30, having been well attended, the attendance including Bro. William Bingham, U.K.A., and several Wiltshire members. A public tea was afterwards held, followed by a public meeting, the speakers being Bros. Bingham, C. Long, D.C.T., Rodshaw, W.D.Ch., Hopkins, W.D.Co., &c.

Dorset.—"Fiddletrenthide." May 17. Bro. G. Coleman, D.C.T., presided at the opening, and there was a good attendance of representatives and officers. Bro H. J. Osborn, P.W.D.Co., West Gloucester, was introduced with honours, and presided during the remainder of the session. The D.C.T., in his report, spoke of the work of the Order in the District during the past quarter, also alluded to the question affecting D.Lodge and Sub-Lodge, passed at the G.Lodge Session. Bro. E. Yates, D.S.J.T., was able to report an increase in the Juvenile Branch, also that a Temple had been started at Gillingham, with every prospect of success; he was pleased to ask the D.L. for the sum of 10s. 6d., the instituting fee, as this was the first Temple opened after the offer of the D.L. to provide funds to any sub-Lodge desiring to start a Temple. Bro. J. T. Baker, D.E.S., reported work done, but regretted that none of the three members in the county promising to vote for Sunday Closing were in their places to support the measure. Mr. Cocyhease's Bill was heartily recommended to the earnest consideration of the membership. Bro. R. A. Bolt, W.D.Sec., reported an increase in numbers, there being now 611 members in 13 Lodges. Bro. D. Powell, W.D.Tr., reported a balance in favour of D.L. of about £6. The report of the proceedings at G.Lodge was given by Bro. W. C. Holmwood, in a very interesting manner, who (with Bro. Coleman) was thanked for attendance thereat. The question as to only allowing Representatives voting power in D.L. was postponed till next session. A letter was read from the G.W.C.T., as to the desirability of engaging a missionary to work in the District, especially in the towns where the Order was not represented ; a long discussion ensued, but owing to the want of sufficient funds, the D.Lodge could not at present see their way clear to adopt the suggestion of the G.W.C.T. A recommendation for making the Third Degree the D.L. Degree was, after discussion, tabled, the conferring of that degree being left in the hands of the V.D.'s, under the direction of D.L. as heretofore, this arrangement having worked well for some considerable time. Shaftesbury was decided on as the next place of meeting. Luncheon and tea were provided by the Piddletrenthide friends, who are to be congratulated on the success of the day's proceedings. A well-attended public meeting was held in the evening, presided over by Bro. W. C. Holmwood, P.D.C.T., and addressed by Bro. H. J. Osborn.

Hunts.—Temperance Hall, Stilton. May 18. A good number of Reps. and friends were present from all parts of the District. The session was opened at 2.30 p.m. by Bro. Wm. Fuller, D.C.T., who briefly reviewed the work done in the county during the past three months. The W.D. Sec., Bro. Berkeley Mead, reported a membership of 304 in five Lodges, an increase of 11 on the quarter, 13 meetings explanatory of the Order had been held, and the sale of the official organ, the Watchword, has materially increased. One item in the report referring to the non-appointment of V.D.'s met with unanimous approval, and Bros. J. B. Childs, G.M., Lamb, D.T., Hensby, D.E.S., and Davis, D.S.J.T. were appointed. Bro. Lamb, D.Trea., reported a balance in hand of £6 11s. 8d. Bro. Hensby, D.E.S., gave a summary of Parliamentary action on our question. Reps. reports

were then submitted. Bro. Weatherall, U.K.A., was then introduced, and favoured with a capital address. It was resolved to send a communication to Bro. J. H. Ekins, on his retirement from office as L.D. of St. Neots for 14 years, thanking him for services rendered, and regretting his health would not allow him to retain it longer. A public tea was fairly attended, and the meeting in the evening was addressed by Rev. W. J. Sprigg-Smith, Bros. W. Fuller, J. B. Childs, Weatherall, U.K.A., and Wood. The day's proceedings were very successful.

N.W. Gloucester.—Mission Hall, Cinderford, May 20. The Lodge was called to order at 2 p.m., by the D.C.T., Bro. S. W. Hadingham. The reports of the officers were of a cheering nature, that of the D.C.T. alludiog to the satisfactory state of the Lodges working; to the re-opening of a Lodge at Blakeney; and also expressing deep regret at the departure from the District of Bro. A. Goold, D.E.S., and Sister Miss Goold, P.D.V.T., for Tasmania. A special vote was adopted thanking the brother and sister for their services in the past, and wishing them God speed in their new home. The W.D.Sec. was also instructed to communicate their departure and destination to the G.W.C.T. that steps may be taken for a renewal of their membership on their arrival at Tasmania. The report of the D.S.J.T. shewed an increase on the quarter of 26. The report of the W.D.Sec. shewed an increase on the quarter of eight, exclusive of the new Lodge. The W.D.Tr.'s report shewed a balance in hand of £3 3s. 5d. Bro. A. E. Clark, W.D.Sec., submitted a lengthy report of the proceedings of the G.L. session, which was adopted. V.D.'s reports were submitted and adopted. A motion to reduce the Capitation Tax to 2d. was referred back to the Lodges for further consideration. A special resolution was adopted with the purpose of bringing the Juvenile Temples more prominently before the Lodges. Bro. F. Brain was elected and installed D.E.S., in place of Bro. A. Goold resigned on leaving the District. A telegram of fraternal greetings was sent to the E.Gloster D.L. during the session. The next session was fixed to be held at Blakeney in August. At the close of the session a public tea was held, followed by a public meeting, when addresses were given by the D.C.T., Bro. Rev. C. J. Reskelly, Sister Mrs. Reskelly, and others, interspersed with singing and recitation.

North Hants.—St. John's Rooms, Winchester, May 19. The whole of the Executive officers being present, except D.S.J.T., absent through illness. The session, which was preceded by a short devotional service, was opened at 11.15 by D.C.T. Bro. Burley. The reports of officers were then taken. The D.C.T. presented an encouraging report of the past quarter. Two new Lodges had been instituted, and there was an increase of 74 members on the quarter. Only two Lodges reported a decrease. Bro. Burley read the report of D.S.J.T., which shewed 311 juveniles in six Temples. A new Temple had been opened in Winchester during the quarter, which partly accounted for the large increase of 97 juveniles and six hon. members. The W.D.T. reported a small balance. The W.D.S. reported—number in February, 531; received into the Order this quarter, 140; total, 671. Suspended, 29; withdrawn by card, 16; from Order, 7; deaths, 1; expelled, 13; leaving on books, 605; increase of 74. The reports were adopted. The report of G.L. representatives read by Bro. W.C. Burley. An animated discussion was held on the advisability of having two sessions in the year instead of three as at present. On being put to the vote the motion that only two meetings be held was lost by a large majority. Bro. Sergeant Holmes, D.C.T., Bro. Rogers, W.D.C., and Bro. Silience, W.D.T., South Hants, were received with honours, and addressed the meeting. There was a large attendance, and the session was a most harmonious one. At the evening meeting the chair was taken by J. Willman, Esq., J.P., and Sister Boys, P.D.C.T., Bro. W. Williams, P.D.C.T., South Hants, Bro. Burley, D.C.T., and Bro. Pouting, D.E.S., North Hants, gave earnest addresses. Temperance pieces were well rendered by the choir.

A Schoolmaster Pleading Ignorance.—At Woburn, Bedfordshire, on May 22, Thomas Holman Winter, a National schoolmaster, of Hockliffe, was charged with selling intoxicating liquors by retail without a licence. The evidence shewed that Mr. Pickering, a farmer, had received a dozen bottles of port, and that the prisoner offered the liquor to several persons for sale. The defendant said he had broken the law unintentionally, and had done everything openly. His son was in the trade, and he wished to work up the connection. The Chairman of the Bench observed that the defendant, being an educated man, ought to have known better. He was fined £10 16s., including costs, or two months' imprisonment in default.

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KINDRED ORGANISATIONS.

United Kingdom Band of Hope Union.

The 31st anniversary of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union was celebrated by a breakfast and public meeting at Exeter Hall, on Wednesday morning, May 19, when Archdeacon Farrar presided. Among those who delivered addresses were Mr. J. H. Raper, Canon Ellison, Mr. W. S. Shirley, M.P., Dr. Dawson Burns, &c. In the afternoon a general conference was held in the lower hall, which was presided over by Mr. J. E. Ellis, M.P. An evening meeting took place in the large hall, which was densely crowded, under the presidency of Mr. George Williams, in the absence of the president, Mr. Samuel Morley, through indisposition. A letter from Mr. Morley was read, in which he said:—"The longer I live and the more I think on the subject, the more I am convinced that we are grasping with the greatest evil of our day." After prayer and a hymn, rendered by a choir consisting of about 500 senior members of Bands of Hope, Mr. Charles Wakely, the general secretary, read the annual report, which stated that the numerical increase was most satisfactory; according to the most recent returns there were in the United Kingdom, 12,674 Bands of Hope and other juvenile Temperance societies, with a membership of 1,557,605 young people who received instruction calculated to assist them in becoming good and useful men and women. The two provincial agents held 508 meetings, attended by over 150,000 persons. In London also the work had been well sustained, 1,374 ordinary, and a large number of special meetings having been addressed by the evening agents of the union. The School Board for London having consented to the delivery of illustrated Temperance lectures in Board Schools, the society took full advantage of this permission, giving also similar lectures in refuges, orphanages, training ships, and other institutions for the young. During the year the movement had received considerable development in the colonies. The income from subscriptions, including a legacy, amounted to £1,577, a balance of £5 remaining in hand. The report was received with cheers.—The chairman, in the course of his address, said that no other society but this could speak of such progress as they could. Altogether they had 12,674 Bands of Hope, with a membership of 1,557,605.—The Rev. J. R. Diggle, M.A. (chairman of the School Board for London), next addressed the meeting, and said he felt bound to state that there was nothing in London which more undid the work of the London School Board than the intemperance of the people. The Rev. H. Price Hughes, M.A., spoke of the rapid progress which the cause of Temperance had recently made. He moved:—"That a petition be adopted by this meeting in favour of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors Bill and forwarded to the Home Secretary for presentation to Parliament; and that Mr. S. Morley, the president, be requested to write to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary asking them to give facilities for the passing of this most pressing measure." (Cheers.)—Mr. Raper seconded the resolution, which was passed amid loud cheers.—The Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh then moved the adoption of a petition to the House of Commons praying that an Act for stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors during the whole of Sunday be passed for the United Kingdom.—Mr. E. Whitwell seconded the resolution, which was passed by acclamation. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. Ossian Davies (Tollington-park Congregational Church), the Rev. Dr. Clifford (Westbourne-park Baptist Chapel), and others, and the meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

British Women's Temperance Association.

The annual meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on Tuesday May 18, at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street. Mr. C. Kegan Paul, presided and there was a numerous attendance. The annual report set forth that at the close of the first year of the society's existence eight affiliated societies were reported, and now after 10 years' work they had 169 direct affiliations, which, together with the branches comprised in the several unions and the dependencies or offshoots reported by others, made a total of 284 societies. During the past year 36 new affiliations were gained. Much of this progress was due to the drawing-room meetings which had been continued with great success throughout the year. Perhaps the most important work of the year had been the establishment of the British Women's Temperance Home, which up to the present had received much support. There was every reason for congratulation upon the progress made, but with extended means the good could be greatly increased. The financial statement shewed that the ordinary income stood at £519, an amount which was hardly sufficient to carry on the extensive operations of the association. There was at the close of the financial year a balance in hand of £22.—The chairman then gave an address.—Mrs. Wellstood (Edinburgh) moved that the chairman be empowered to sign a petition to Parliament on behalf of the meeting in favour of Sunday Closing, and Miss Brewster and Mrs. H. W. Smith (America) supported the resolution, which was agreed to. Mrs. Ormiston Chant and Miss Ted also gave addresses.

Professor Andre's Training Schools and Alpine Choirs.

On Monday night last the second annual meeting and concert of Bro. Professor André's Temperance Training Schools and Alpine Choirs was held at Exeter Hall. The chair was to have been taken by Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., but a telegram was received stating that he was detained at the House of Commons by an important division. All his sympathies were, however, with the meeting. The Rev. G. M. Murphy, of the London School Board, presided. In the earlier part of the evening the members of the well-known Alpine Choir sang several pieces in a very effective manner, the Temperance Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Hoye, also giving two or three selections; the subsequent speeches being liberally interspersed with music by both sets of performers. The singing of the Alpine Choir was frequently applauded. Professor André, in the course of a short report, explained how it was that he was led to take up the work in which he was at present engaged. Seeing so much intemperance as he went about the country he became inspired with the idea that one way to overcome that great evil was to provide a counter attraction in the shape of music, and this might easily be done, because there was not a country in the world where there was so much musical talent amongst the young as in this. Every child might be trained for Gospel Temperance work, and the homes of all such might be music-halls, and thus the attractions of low places of amusement and of public-houses would be counteracted. Since last year he had opened a school at Brighton, where there were about 60 pupils, of whom 17 were free pupils. At Brighton, as well as in connection with his training school at Hackney, there was a Band of Hope. Pupils were taught to play upon from one to four instruments. The chairman said that Professor André had done a good work in the cause of Temperance, among other places at Liverpool, and in several large towns in the North; and as a teetotaler of 40 years' standing, he (the chairman) desired to thank him for it sincerely. More music less crime; more song—and especially such song as they had heard on that occasion—less sorrow in the house. (Cheers.) The Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh heartily congratulated Professor André upon his success, and wishing him God-speed. Of his pupils no less than 345 were young persons who were receiving a free musical education. Mr. J. H. Raper and Mr. T. H. Brand, of Boston, U.S., next addressed the meeting, the chairman stating that the last-named gentleman was about to take an Alpine choir back to America with him. After an amusing speech by Mr. George Nokes, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Bro. J. Kempster, brought the proceedings to a close.

Drink and Crime in France.—The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* says: "Those who are in sympathy with the Blue-Ribbon movement will hear with interest that in consequence of the great number of criminal cases in which French barristers have pleaded for their clients alcoholic dementia, M. Sarrien has instructed all the Prefects in France to report him on the effects of drunkenness in inciting to crime upon their several departments. The War Minister has, on his side, instituted an official inquiry into the action of liquor in reducing the health and debilitating young men so as to render them unfit for military service. In the industrial centres the Revising Bureau, which decided what conscripts were not strong enough for the army, reported congenital alcoholism as the greatest source of weakness.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

MAY 25.—SUNDAY CLOSING IN DURHAM.

THE BISHOP OF DURHAM, in moving the third reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday (Durham) Bill, denied that there had been anything like clerical interference in regard to promoting the agitation in favour of the bill, which the sturdy people inhabiting the district to which the bill applied would be the first to resent. Nonconformist and Roman Catholic ministers were quite as eager for the bill as clergymen of the Church of England, and the feeling of the mass of the working men in Durham was strongly in favour of it. In conclusion, the right reverend prelate eulogised those men who had devoted themselves to Temperance questions, with such good results to the community.

THE EARL OF WEMYSS moved the rejection of the bill, and said the second reading was passed by the House in an unguarded moment. If, however, the bill were thrown out upon the third reading their lordships would be acting in accord with their previous attitude on this question. Although he admitted that good work had been done by Temperance advocates, he objected to the bill on account of its exceptional character, and to the general principle involved in the bill. The basis of this bill was that the majority of the people of Durham wished for it, but would the advocates of this bill consent to altering the marriage law or disestablishing the Church in a particular district on a similar ground? (Hear, hear.) The results shewn in Wales were fatal to this class of legislation. In Wales, with an Act, there had been an increase of 37 per cent. in convictions for Sunday drunkenness, whereas in Durham, without an Act during the same period, there had been an increase of only 20 per cent.

LORD KENSINGTON, referring to the assertion that in Wales the Act had been a failure, said that although in Cardiff, Swansea, and Wrexham, drunkenness was prevalent, those three towns were not the whole Principality, and in other parts Sunday Closing had been attended with good results. He should vote for the third reading of the bill.

LORD NORTON intended to vote for the third reading, although he had voted against the second reading, and although he condemned the bill because it did not deal with clubs.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY said nobody censured the heroic workers in the cause of Temperance, and even where their advocacy was carried to the extreme point of recommending entire abstinence, those who did not agree with them recognised that they occupied a perfectly defensible position. It was not those who preached Temperance who were liable to censure, but those who came to Parliament and asked for the secular arm to assist them. As matters stood now, it was a sad thing to think that the only thing with regard to which the unity of religious bodies of all denominations could be relied upon was in the desire to make use of the secular power to carry into effect that which should be the result of their own high religious eloquence and teaching. (Hear, hear.) The gist of the proposition before them was that a certain portion of the population of this country should abstain from their accustomed article of diet because a section of the population said that the temptation to coosume far too much of those articles of diet was too strong for them. He had great doubt whether the majority had the right to legislate for the minority on this subject, but in proposing this paradoxical and anomalous restriction they should make themselves quite certain that they were acting according to the will of the majority of the people affected;—they should either provide machinery to ascertain the extent of the majority, or they should so act that there should be no doubt upon the point. He should vote against the bill.

EARL GRANVILLE said the whole of the noble marquis's case rested upon the denial that it was the wish of the people of Durham that this bill should pass. Upon that point he thought the argument of the promoters of the bill was unanswerable. This question was more discussed in the county during the election than any other, and these members were pledged up to their necks to vote for the bill, that being, in fact, the condition on which they were returned. The most influential class in Durham were the miners, and two of their representatives owed their return to the fact that they supported the bill, and all the Liberal members were returned on that account in consequence of the support they received from the miners. He also thought the fact that the whole of the clergy and the Nonconformist and Roman Catholic ministers supported the bill was evidence that the people of Durham wished for it.

The House divided—

For the bill	...	...	...	70
Against ...	...	...	...	97
Majority ...	...	...	...	27

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MAY 25.—BEER FROM RICE.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER said, in answer to Colonel Hamilton, that the use of malted rice in brewing was not a matter on which the Commissioners of Inland Revenue would be justified in offering an opinion, but he believed there was no doubt that very good beer was made from rice.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

[This column is for notes of progress. Tersely and briefly expressed paragraphs of news, of the institution or restoring of Lodges, and the extension of the Order invited.]

SOUTH DEVON.—On May 4, a Lodge was instituted in the village of Buckfast, near Totnes. Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., Sister Symons, D.V.T., Bro. E. A. Davies, P.D.C.T., Sister Litten, W.D.T., Bro. Osmond, D.S.J.T., and Bro. Taylor, acting W.D.S., proceeded from Plymouth to Totnes by train, when they were augmented by about 20 members of the Dart Vale Lodge, the whole journeying by waggonette to the village where a public meeting was held. There was a crowded attendance, and and at the close 15 candidates were initiated, and the Hope of Buckfast Lodge was established. Bro. C. Andrews was elected W.C.T.; Sister S. Northcott, W.V.T.; Bro. Northcott, W.S. Bro. Searle was recommended as L.D., and Bro. Hunt as W.S. Hearty thanks were accorded Bro. Northcott, of the Henry Wheeler Lodge, Plymouth, for the active steps he had taken in the institution of the Lodge. The Plymouth friends arrived home at 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, after an excellent evening's work. A very pleasing circumstance being that there is not a single place in the village were intoxicating drinks are sold.

EAST AND MID-SURREY.—Under the auspices of the Open Air Mission four meetings were held on Sunday ,23rd inst. The first in Colliers'-rents, Long-lane, Borough, by the members of the Mint Lodge, Bro. C. Hill conducting, Bro. Gear and others speaking. This is a good neighbourhood for the work. The second meeting was at Vauxhall Cross, by the Lambeth Perseverance and Pioneer Lodges; conductor, Mr. Thew; speakers, Bro. Hinton and Mr. Walton; singing and solos by members of Lodge; very successful and profitable. The first meeting also opened at Stockwell Green, by Bro. Hyde, D.E.S. This is under the Stockwell Hope Lodge. Speakers Bros. Brown, Stagg, Hubbard, P.D.C.T., and others. Some opposition, but fairly good meeting. The other was on The Triangle, Southwark Bridge-road, where the George Thornelee Lodge appeared in regalia. This stand belongs to the S.L.O.A.M., and the above Lodge, by the kindness of the said mission, has two or three meetings during the season. Speakers Bros. Maiden, W.Sec., Heartfield, W.T., Gear, P.W.C.T., and Reeves, L.D. and the conductor of the meeting. Fairly successful; one pledge.

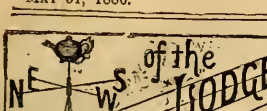
THE PRICE OF BEER.—A New Orleans paper tells of a printer who, when his fellow workmen went ont to drink beer during working hours, put in the bank the exact amount which he would have spent if he had gone out to drink with them. He kept to his resolution for five years. He then examined his bank account, and found that he had on deposit 521 dollars 85 cents. In the five years he had not lost a day from ill-health. Three out of five of his fellow workmen had in the meantime become drunkards, were worthless as workmen, and were discharged. The water-drinker then bought the printing office, went on enlarging his business, and 20 years from the time he began to put by his money, was worth 100,000dol.

May Meetings.—I take the liberty of encroaching on your valuable space now that the May meetings are in full swing, to bring before the readers of the WATCHWORD, &c., a subject which seems to me to be very important. During the last week, and for several more to come, public meetings, &c., have been, and will be, held by the supporters of different societies, &c. On looking over the list of such meetings I notice that several denominations of religion are represented. Missionary and benevolent societies are to the front. Temperance and total abstinence societies are numerous. But one Order is conspicuous (at least, to me) by its absence. I mean the noble Order of the Good Templars. Now, why cannot the I.O.G.T. hold a public meeting annually at Exeter Hall as well as the societies I have named? Is it because a large audience would not assemble?—I think not. Good Templars are supposed to be—and I trust really are—the leaders of the Temperance cause; they desire more than many Temperance societies, "*Prohibition for the State*"—why are they in the rear of the army in this respect? I hope the Grand Lodge will before long take this matter up, and that next year the Good Templars will have a magnificent meeting at *Exeter Hall*, to be followed by one every May.—PERCY K. WOOLLACOTT, W.Sec., William Tweedie Lodge.

PRAYING "PROHIBITION" TO CONGRESSMEN.

The chaplain of the House of Representives, Rev. Dr. W. H. Milburn, at the opening of a recent session of that body, prayed earnestly concerning drunkenness as follows:—"O God! answer, we beseech Thee, the supplications of millions of hearts ascending to Thee for the speedy close of that greatest evil of modern society—drunkenness. Linked with almost every vice and crime in a loathsome compact with gaming-houses and brothels, it burdens the criminal dockets of courts of justice, throngs the poor-houses, mad-houses, gaols, and gibbets, drives men to despair through the snake-wreathed portals of delirium tremens, unbars the posterns of life, that they may sink into the cowardly grave of suicide. Beginning most often in an alluring taste in the jocund bond of good-fellowship, it becomes an appetite and master-passion, which destroys the body, darkens the intellect, blinds the moral sense, deadens the soul, drives God out of meo's spirit, and, paralysing the will, binds men and women hand and foot and casts them into hell, leaving an entail of despair and wretchedness to their children." The prayer is said to have called forth applause from some total-abstaining members of Congress and expressions of displeasure from some who are not total abstainers.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL AND GOOD TEMPLARS LODGE-ROOM, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, May 2, at 7 a.m., these rooms were dedicated to their work by a meeting for prayer, conducted by Mr. Councillor J. G. Robinson. In the afternoon a practical address was delivered by Bro. Parker, of Sheffield, and at 8 p.m. Bro. the Rev. H. J. Boyd, D.C.T., conducted the service and preached a Temperance sermon. On Monday, Mr. Cass, of Castleford, was the principal speaker, and the meeting was presided over by W. Cass, Esq. On Tuesday the speaker was Miss Capper, of Leeds, and the chairman, R. Morris, Esq. On Wednesday the British Women's Association was represented by Mrs. Whiting, of Leeds, and Mrs. Priestman, of Hull, Sister Mrs. E. H. Walker presided. On Thursday the address was by Bro. J. Malins, G.W.C.T., and the chairman Bro. the Rev. H. McNiel-Minton-Senhouse. On Friday, Bro. the Rev. J. C. Hills, vicar of Bolsover, was the speaker, and the chairman, E. H. Walker, Esq On Saturday, A. Sheldrick, Esq., of Derby, gave the address, and Bro. T. Duckworth presided. On the Thursday, there was a public tea at which about 250 sat down. All the meetings were crowded and enthusiastic, and every speaker in glowing terms spoke of the self-denying efforts of our Sister Walker, to whom we are indebted for a beautiful suite of rooms for public meetings, Good Templar Lodges, committee-rooms, &c., &c. The singing by the choir was under the direction of Bro. H. A. Blair.



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"The News of the Lodges should constitute a public record for the important events in connection with ordinary Lodge Sessions, Public Meetings, Anniversaries, &c., in connection with the Order. It should refer, not to matters of mere local interest and to the every-day occurences of ordinary Lodge Sessions, but to such matters as are of national importance interesting alike to all classes of readers, stimulating some, encouraging others, and rejoicing all. For this purpose it should make mention of Essays and Papers read, of competitions in Reciting, Reading, and Singing, Temperance Bees, Question Box, and such like. And, *Once a Quarter*, the total number initiated or admitted by c.c., the total of membership, &c., may be given. Singing, Reciting, &c., at ordinary Lodge Sessions should not be reported, as the same names of singers, reciters, &c., occur week after week, and such news can only be of limited local interest. When, however, a Public Anniversary, or other Meeting or Demonstration in connection with the Order takes place, the names may be given of the chairman and of those taking part, and to save space these should be classified thus: Chairman, —. Songs by —, Recitations by— &c., &c.

Lodge News should be sent as early as possible, and cannot be received after Tuesday morning for insertion in the following issue, except from Lodges meeting on Tuesday night, from which reports can be taken up to 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

METROPOLITAN.

Peckham.—"Peckham." May 21. The S.J.T. reported a juvenile membership of over 90, and the W.S. over 60 in the Lodge. Report read by Bro. W. E. Hooper. Question-box concluded the evening.

Lunehouse.—"Coverdale." May 21. Bro. T. Grigsby, W.T., read an attractive paper—"The Ancient Gates of London and their History," illustrated with drawings by Bro. Humm. The paper was spoken to by Bros. Rains, Moloney, and others. An enjoyable session.

Putney.—"Emmanuel." May 20. Surprise visit from John Bunyan Lodge, the programme being songs and recitations. They officered and entertained. A pleasant evening was spent.

Kingsland.—"Mentor." May 11. Half-pound Night. The half-pounds were sold for benefit of the funds, resulting in a profit of 5s. 2d. One admitted on c.c.—May 18. Brothers' night. Resolved that in future the Lodge open at 8.30 and close at 10. The brothers then entertained the Ledge with a sketch, and also supplied refreshments. Good attendance.

Wandsworth-road.—"New Clapham Excelsior." May 19. Ors admitted on a.c. Bro. T. C. Macrow, W.C.T. Visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Cc.

Clapham-road.—"General Garfield." May 10. Celebration of 14th anniversary; sermon was preached Sunday evening by Rev. F. E. Chester, B.A.; about 50 members present in regalie.—May 20. Tea and public meeting; about 70 to tea; public meeting; chairman, Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D.; short report by Bro. J. Wyatt, L.D.; songs by Sisters J. and A. Johnson, Chesto, and Mr. Bullock; recitation by Bro. Gayland; excellent addresses by Bros. H. Breany J. S. T. Hodges, W.D.Sec., Rev. F. E. Chester, B.A., J. Whiting, and J. Wyatt, L.D.; well attended meeting; several signed the pledge, and names given in for membership.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." May 21. The item on the programme being Sisters' marking competition, each sister was presented with a piece of calico, marking cotton, and needles; the judges eventually awarded the prize to Sister James. Bros. Thomas and Kimber elected delegates to the forthcoming church parade on behalf of the Kensington Dispensary.

Loughborough Junction.—"William Tweedie." May 19. Bro. Pike, D.L.Rep., gave a report of the quarterly District Lodge Session. One proposed for membership. Bro. Rolfe, W.C.T., referred to annual public meeting of the Orphanage at Sunbury on 22nd inst. A very good programme of songs, recitations, &c., was given as follows—Duet, Bros. Rolfe and Kentish; songs, Bros. Gardener and Scottish and Sister M. Rolfe; readings and recitations, Bros. Marsh, Woollacott, Stone and Hillier; 34 present.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." May 22. Large attendance; Bro. Goddard, W.C.T., presided. One received on c.c., four proposed, and three initiated. Invitations to visit other Lodges received and accepted; Bro. Griffiths gave notice of a resolution he should bring forward to form a choir and elocution class by members of the Lodge. The officers and members of the Freedom of London Lodge visited, and gave an excellent entertainment of songs and recitations. WATCHWORDS sold.

Edgware-road.—"Paddington." May 3. One initiated and three proposed. Dues' reports adopted. W.C.T., Bro. Williams; W.V.T., Sister Thompson; W.Sec., Sister R. Bird; all re-elected. W.F.Sec.'s report shewed 33 in good standing.—May 10. The W.Sec. reported the confirmation of the bye-laws by G.W.C.T. A handsome marble clock was presented to Sister R. Bird by the members. Our W.C.T. was asked to write a letter of congratulation to Bro. Winton, D.G.T., on his election as G.W.Chaplain.—May 17. Bro. Smith was elected a co-trustee of the Lodge. Programme: Third Degree membere entertain, which was carried out with Bro. Evans, Jabez Burns Lodge, in the chair. Soogs by Sisters Evans and Bird; recitation, Sister Thompson. An enjoyable evening. WATCHWORDS taken by the members.

Southwark.—"The Mint." May 19. Report from the D.L. Reps. given. A resolution adopted to conduct an open-air meeting on Sunday morning at 11 a.m., at Collier's Rents, Long-lane. One restored and two initiated. At 9 o'clock a public devotional meeting was held. Several Christian friends, not members, were present.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbnry Park." May 20. Reports from delegates to Open-air Mission and Church Parade Committees. Sister Richards, from Help and Refuge Lodge, Redruth, Cornwall, brought greetings and gave us a report of Good Templary in her District. Bro. Collins, E.S., brought greetings from a number of Lodges he had visited in Birmingham and York-hire. Arrangements made to visit the Loyal Silver Stream Lodge, Lewisham. Practice of new tunes for odes. Pleasant session.

Chelsea.—"Margaret M'Currey." May 12. Sacred songs by Sisters Tearle, Turney, Orris, and Green, and a visiting brother. Three initiated, two joined by c.c. WATCHWORDS sold.—May 19. Annual May *soirée*. Bro. Larking presided. Songs and recitations by Bros. Weeks, Cousins, Godfrey, Green, Grantham, Thomas, Sisters Gearing, Tearle, Green. About 80 present. Plentiful supply of refreshments. WATCHWORDS sold.

Chelsea.—"James McCurry." May 20. A paper by Bro. T. W. Grigg, W.C.T. "How to improve our Lodges," which caused a good debate, the following taking part—Bros. Howard, Colbert, Speed, and Bindon. Pleasant session and fair attendance.—May 21. Members occupied the platform at Victoria Chapel, Vauxhall Bridge-road. Chairman, Bro. Colbert, V.D. Songs, Bros. Gray, West (2), Sister Seagar; recitations, Bro. Colbert; readings, Bros. Howard and Seagar; Bro. West, sen., gave a selection of music on the concertina.

Camden Town.—"Angel of Mercy." May 14. One admitted on c.c. and one proposed. Sister Shipman, L.D., and Bro. Wolfe, D.S., elected as trustees. Officers installed.—May 21. Good session and at 9 o'clock "open night by invitation," each member bringing one non-abstaining friend. Bro. Ward, W.C.T., presided, and the following members spoke:—Sister Weeks, P.W.D.V.T., Sister Shipman, W.D.D.M., Bro. J. Shipman, P.V.D., Bro. Wolfe, D.S., and Bro. E. Shipman. Bro. Sherwin, W.T., officiated at harmonium, leading in singing the odes, and also sang a solo. The Lodge room was laid out in usual G.T. manner, and with our new furniture and regalia looked very nice, several visitors expressing their admiration. Several pledges taken at the door.

Stoke Newington.—"London Trinity." May 12. Bro. A. W. Davies' night, when songs and recitations were given by the following visitors: Bros. Fisk, G.L.L., Tugwell, F. Abbott-Simmons, &c.; a violin solo by Master Askar Lyons, concluding with a laughable sketch; also a liberal supply of refreshments; large attendance.—May 19. Bro. L. Rawlence, W.C.T., presided; half-pound night, which realised a profit for the funds. WATCHWORDS on sale.

South Lambeth.—"Lambeth Perseverance." May 25. The programme of the evening was a debate on the G.W.C.T.'s report and recent G.L. legislation. Unexpected visit of the W.D.Co., D.S.J.T., D.E.S., W.D.S., and W.D.M. In the absence of the advertised chairman the W.D.Co. presided by request. The discussion lasted from 8.45 to 10.30, and though much feeling, adverse to the G.L. action in kissing games, &c. was displayed, the proceedings were in good form. Ultimately a resolution was unanimously adopted disapproving the prohibition of kissing games, and character dress so far as Temperance pieces were concerned, and asking for the law to be rescinded in this regard. About 50 present.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." May 25. Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T. Visit of Bro. S. W. Tysoe, W.D. Ch. (Pedo), who gave an address, followed by a reading. Song, Bro. J. H. Matkin; reading Sister E. Matkin. Bro. J. B. Bentley gave a report of the delegates' meeting, arranged for the annual demonstration for the Victoria Children's Hospital.

Waterloo-road.—"South London." May 21. Magazine night. Excellent articles and selections read by Bro. Du Soir. Visited by Sister Shepheard, W.D.V.T.; Bro. W. Lewis, W.D. Ch.; Bro. W. Shepheard, W.D.M., and others.

Wandsworth.—"William Tewsley." May 25. Official visit from Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.D.Cb., who presided and gave a short address on the Good of the Order. Several members and visitors also spoke.

PROVINCIAL.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." May 21. Visited by Bro. Plymen, D.C.T., and Bro. Hattrell, V.D., both of whom gave interesting speeches. Recitation, Bro. Powell, jun.; song, Sister Evered. One admitted on c.c.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." May 22. Songs, Sister Blowfield, Bros. C. Smith. and Jones, and Sister Mrs. S. H. Parker; readings, Bros. Le Keux and Booth; recitations, Bros. Powell, jun., Tunnell, and F. Quelch. Address by Bro. L. J. Plymen, D.C.T.

EXETER.—"Perseverance." May 17. Circular read from G.W.C.T. Reports of W.Treasurer and Finance Committee read and adopted. Decided to ask D.L. to sanction Lodges in the East Devon District to fix their own initiation fees. Third Degree conferred at 9.15 p.m.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." May 21. United Lodge session. Bro. Parr, D.C.T., presided. Seven Lodges were represented. The following brethren took part in the evening's programme, viz., Bro. Braddon, P.D.C.T.; Sister Pryor, D.S.J.T.; and G. D. Marshal; Bro. Blank, D.E.S.; Bro. Pike, P.D.E.S. Solos were sung by Bro. Poland and Sister Fletcher. A pleasant and enjoyable meeting; one initiated; one re-admitted; and one proposed.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Safeguard," May 20. One initiated and one restored. A great deal of discussion, in which Bros. Denton, Deeks, Dence, and Griffiths took part, it was decided to withdraw from the Sub-District Conference. Item for the evening, "Pairing Night," which was ably carried out under the direction of Bro. Dence. Bro. Piggott is the W.C.T., and not Bro. Dence, as reported last week.

NORWICH.—"City of Norwich." May 5. Good muster. Seven initiated, and several proposed. W.S. reported an increase of 36 members on last quarter, which, with the evening's addition, makes 103 members. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Austin; W.V.T., Sister Thorpe; W.S., Bro. Stocking.—May 12. Election of officers continued. Lodge called to order at 7.45, by Bro. F. Colemsn, W.C.T. A letter was read from Mr. Turner, thanking the members for the kind vote of sympathy and the respect shewn at the funeral of hi daughter, our late Sister Turner. Bro. Austin wrote that business prevented him from taking W.C.T.'s place this quarter, and after a spirited contest Bro. Atkins was elected W.C.T. The other officers were completed and installed by Bro. Herring, L.D. Sister Clare, W.V.T., and Sister Austin presented on behalf of the sisters a very handsome Bible for the use of the Lodge.—May 19. Two initiated. Refreshments were provided in a capital style by the sisters of the Lodge, under the management of Sister Thorpe, W.V.T. The brothers gave the entertainment, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LANDPORT.—"Protector." May 19. A very interesting entertainment, preceded by a tea to which nearly 60 persons sat down, was held in celebration of the 14th anniversary. Two dialogues were rendered, also some first-class singing and vocal and instrumental music. The proceedings terminated about 10 o'clock, when a special session was held and four candidates initiated.

LANDPORT.—"Templars' Alliance." May 6. Well attended session. Election of officers. W.C.T., Bro. Knight; W.V.T., Sister Knight; W.S., Bro. Cousens. The returns were very satisfactory, shewing an increase of 12 during quarter. Two candidates initiated.—May 13. Open session. Programme of reading, speeches, recitations, &c., well rendered and greatly appreciated by members and friends present, all enjoying a very happy evening. Two proposed.—May 20. Good attendance. Discussion on D.L. Digest. Four candidates initiated, and one received on c.c. Happy evening spent.

LONGASTER.—"White Rose." May 12. Five proposed and one initiated. Good discussion on Good of the Order. Election and installation of officers. W.C.T., Bro. Peel; W.V.T.. Sister Senior; W.S., Bro. Hall. Treasurer reported a good balance in hand although the Lodge has purchased a complete set of officers regalia, also Degree Regalia.—May 19. One initiated. G.W.C.T.'s circular and summary of last O.L. Session at Newport read, which caused a long discussion. Usual standing committees appointed by the W.C.T. WATCHWORDS taken.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." May 13. New officers' night. Song by Bro. Hanson, W.T., reading by Bro. Bingham, W.F.S.—May 20. G.W.C.T.'s circular read by W.C.T. Short discussion on G.L. legislation. Song by Bro. Hanson, reading and recitation by Bro. Boyes, recitation Bro. Shaw.

WHITCHURCH.—"Hope of Whitchurch." May 21. Full meeting. Committees reported favourably on two candidates. Both accepted—one initiated. Programme for present quarter adopted. Representative read a very encouraging report of the D.L. Songs and recitations by Bros. Day and Gardiner.

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore." May 22. Visit of Glossop Lodges, who officered and entertained with a programme of songs, melodian solos, &c. Addresses by a sister, Bros. Williamson, Wood, and McNally; Bro. Cooper (the Derbyshire poet) recited two of his poems in capital style. Refreshments served. Over 100 present. Very pleasant session. One proposed.

MANCHESTER.—"Grosvenor." May 18. Social pound night. G.W.C.T.'s circular read. Collector appointed for Home Mission. Sister Kightley, W.D.V.T., presided, and addressed the meeting, congratulating the Lodge on its improved condition. Pleasant meeting. Two proposed.

MANCHESTER.—"Woodward Excelsior." May 20. Sister Parkes, being responsible, entertained the Lodge. Songs by sisters. Report of D.L. Reps. very interesting. Every officer present at roll call. Sister Kightley, W.D.V.T., presided, and addressed the Lodge. One proposed. Lodge prospering.

YORK.—"Victorious." The Lodge has had a very successful quarter. Tea meetings have been held in various parts of the city in connection with mission work. Three members initiated during the quarter, and four since. One public entertainment has been given in the Lodge room and one in the new Institute, and the proceeds, £2 5s., handed to a brother out of work. The Lodge is now healthy, prosperous, and working well. One sister was re-obligated last Lodge night. Resolutions have been passed, to be forwarded to the city members, with regard to the Poole perjury case; also a resolution thanking Bro. E. Close, Stockton, for his action in sending a petition to the House of Lords on the Sunday Closing question in Durham.

BRADFORD.—"Alston." The anniversary services in connection with the above Lodge commenced with a tea and entertainment on May 15. There were present a large number of members and friends. The principal feature of the entertainment consisted of legerdemain feats by Professor Longfield, which were exceedingly clever and highly appreciated. On Sunday, May 16, services were held in the afternoon and evening. John Tate, Esq., presided on both occasions, and gave two excellent addresses. Speeches were also given by Bro. John Noble, Mr. E. Hipkin, Bro. Wood, Bro. Horner, and others. Very good and intelligent audiences. Several pledges taken, and four names were handed in for proposition in the Lodge. The choir gave a good selection of anthems, under the direction of Bro. Lawson. The Lodge is making steady progress.

SANDOWN (Isle of Wight).—"Fountain of Hope." April 23. A public tea, at which about 90 members and friends sat down. After tea the Good Templars paraded the town in regalia, singing selections from Sankey's, accompanied by Sister A. Holbrook on the concertina. An entertainment was held in the Lodge-room, presided over by Bro. A. Butt, of the Shanklin Lodge, who gave an excellent address. Songs by Sister Corney L. Gray, recitations by Sisters Strickland, Rackett, and Kent; reading, Bro. Gray. A dialogue was given by Bros. A. Butchers, Potts, Rackett, jun., and Sisters Strickland, Corney, Gray, and Kent. "Auld Lang Syne" concluded.—April 30. One candidate initiated, one restored, and two proposed. Songs by the members. Reading by Bro. Wheeler, of Shanklin Lodge.—May 7. A public meeting was held to celebrate the 11th anniversary. Bro. Williams, P.D.C.T. of South Hants, and Bro. Rev. J. W. Rogers, of Woolston, Southampton, gave addresses. Bro. the Rev. S. Allin presided.—May 14. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. G. T. Rackett, jun. (re-elected); W.V.T., Sister L. Gray (re-elected); W.Sec., Bro. Potts, son. Installed by Bro. O. Daish, L.D.

KEIGHLEY.—"Reformation." May 13. Good session. One initiated, and one elected. The question of Lodge furniture was the subject of the committee. After business a very pleasant surprise was provided by Sister Brown and Bros. Brown and A. Calvert in the form of a milk and biscuit repast. After this Bro. A. Barnes, W.C.T., on behalf of the Lodge, presented a pair of carvers to Bro. F. Brooke, and a splendid tea-pot, cream jug, sugar basin, and tea caddy to Bro. A. Aldous, as a mark of respect on the occasion of their marriage.

CHERTSEY.—"Crusaders of Chertsey." May 13. One initiated. Sister Leach, D.S.J.T., visited and addressed the Lodge. Bro. Woodger gave a paper on "Potatoes."—May 20. One initiated, one admitted by c.c., and one proposed. Bro. Goshing of the Walton Olive Branch Lodge visited and addressed the Lodge. G.W.C.T. circular read. Experiences by Bros. Williams and Woodger, and Sister Thompson.

CHELTENHAM. — "St. Mark's Samaritan." May 17. G.W.C.T.'s circular, &c., read by L.D. Resolution passed authorising the W.S. to draw up a petition in favour of Mr. Conybeare's Bill.

WIMBLEDON.—"General Charles Gordon."—May 4. Election of officers resulted as follows:—W.C.T., Bro. Root; W. Sec., Bro. C. Langley; W.V.T., Sister L. A. Wheeler. Increase of members during past quarter four, making a total membership of 51. The newly-chosen officers were installed by Bro. Reid, L.D.—May 6. "The Templar Tricycle Club," had a short run to Mitcham, and entertained a public meeting of the Christ Church and Merton Abbey Gospel Temperance Society.—May 18. Bro. C. Pinhorn, D.C.T., paid us a visit.—May 19. Tricycle Club paid a surprised visit to Hope of Norbiton. Enthusiastic welcome.

BOOTLE.—"Guiding Star." May 3. Election and installation of officers. Visit from Bro. Kirkus, V.D.—May 10. Visit from Mona (Welsh) Lodge. Coffee supper; glees and choruses from visitors. May 17. Sacred harmonies, anthems, and selections from Sankey's Hymns.

BURSLEM.—"Charles Garrett." May 11. One member received as an ancient Templar. Good session.—May 13. Visit of Bro. J. Wilshaw, D.S.J.T., one of the representatives to Grand Lodge Session, who gave a report of the proceedings. The L.D. read a reply to a letter which had been sent from Sister J. Nield, of New Zealand, formerly a Charter member of the Lodge.

SOUTHALL.—"Armoury." May 10. Visit from the West End of London Lodge, who entertained with songs and recitations. Bros. Rainforth, Lee, and Richardson, and Sisters Russell, Gurney, and James, and Bro. Sunderland took part. [Please write only on one side of the paper.—ED.]

RYDE (I.W.).—"Ryde." May 4. Election of officers. W.C.T., Bro. Ellery; W.S., Bro. Arthur Dunford; W.V.T., Bro. Corry.—May 11. Tit-bits and coffee supper. This was responded to by many of the members, who did ample justice to the latter, and winding up the enjoyable evening by some amusing tit-bits from various sources.

NEW MALDEN.—"Sure Refuge." May 14. Lodge Deputy's night. A most instructive drill was carried out by Bro. J. C. Woollacott. Lodge officered by new members, who conducted an initiation service with criticisms.—May 21. Debate, "Music: Does it Tend to Promote Temperance?" Bros. Green, Drewitt, Cowley, Woollacott, and others took part, decision being that it does. Fair attendance. D.L. Reps. presented written report of D.L. session held 15th inst.

SCUNTHORPE.—"Hope to Win." May 20. A public meeting in Milton Church; Rev. W. Newton presided, supported by Bros. J. Westoby, J. Carlisle, and others, when an address was given by Bro. George Orman on Sunday Closing. Vote of thanks was accorded Lord St. Oswald for his letter stating that he would vote for the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, and for a donation of 10s. to the funds.

DRIFFIELD.—"Hope of Driffield." May 14. Visited Bro. Guy Hayler, D.E.S., Bro. C. R. Storr, W.D.Sec., and Bro. Hutchcroft, W.D.Chap., each of whom gave an interesting address. Bro. George Smith promised a prize, value 20s, to the member who succeeded in bringing for initiation the largest number up to next November.—May 21. One of our popular sessions was held, when members and friends were present in large numbers. Coffee and biscuits served during the evening. Addresses given by the W.C.T., Bro. T. Wilson, Bro. Thomas Wilson, P.W.C.T., and Bro. Carr, of Bradford. Selections by the choir—consisting of Sisters Verity, Temple, Smith, and Bros. W. H. Dandy, H. Baker, W. Smith, and T. Wilson. Bro. Stockdale presided at the harmonium. A very pleasant evening spent.

OXFORD.—"St. Clements." April 13. Bro. Martin elected L.D., and Bro. Payne E.S. Lodge closed in due form, after which, it being Brother's Surprise, they invited the sisters to a leg of mutton supper.—April 20. The W.S. was requested to write a letter of condolence to Mr. F. Williams (a late member of the Lodge) on the death of his daughter. Bro. Anstey brought a motion forward to hold a Saturday night's mission. Resolved that we adopt it several volunteering to help.—April 23. Social tea at 6.30, meeting at 7.45; vocal music and recitations. Several microscopes on view.—April 27. Bro. Davis, from Welshpool, made a few remarks in regard to the Order in that town. The W.S. read his report, which shewed that good progress had been made during the quarter.—May 3. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Anstey; W.V.T., Sister Boult; W.S., Bro. Martin. Installed by the D.C.T., Bro. Weatherill, who afterwards gave a very stirring address.—May 11. Three proposed for membership.

NORBITON (Surrey).—"Hope of Norbiton." May 12. Norbiton's Hope J.T. was inaugurated on May 12 by Bro. W. H. Shepheard, W.D.M., with Bro. C. J. Parker as S.J.T., and Sister T. Parker as assistaut. Six adults were made honorary members; 11 joined as members with c.c.; 15 initiated as new members, and the officers were chosen. Words of encouragement were given by Bro. W. H. Shepheard, our best thanks; refreshment provided; they officered the Lodge, initiated two new members, and entertained with songs, readings, &c.

DEVONPORT.—"James Teare." May 17. Visit of the Eliott Lodge. Bro. Sergeant Griffiths, R.M.L.I., presided, and gave an earnest address. The visitors turned up in good numbers and gave an excellent entertainment: Solos, duets, recitations, and readings by Sisters Woolcock, Cowl, and Collins, Bros. Woolcock, Caur, P.W.D.Co., Griffiths, Collins, and Mumford. Earnest addresses by the W.C.T., Bros. Cann, Palmer, Taylor, and Sister Carter.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morice Town." May 19. Bros. Parkes, W.C.T., presided, and appointed the quarterly committees. Addresses by Sister Hambly and Bro. Taylor. Songs, Sister Christie and Bro. Taylor. A very pleasant meeting.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." May 22. Visit of the D.C.T., Bro. T. H. Hanley, who presided, and conducted a Council of instruction. Bro. Taylor, L.D., read the G.W.C.T. circular, and his commission as L.D. Sister Taylor gave a reading, as did Bro. Taylor. A very pleasant meeting.

BRISTOL.—"Morning Star." May 21. G.W.C. opened session at 8.30. Circular read. Visit from the Way Near J.T. The Juvenile came in good numbers, under the presidency of Bro. Green, S.J.T., and Bro. Connett. Several capital recitations, readings and solos were given. A most pleasant and interesting evening was spent.

PETERSFIELD.—"Right over Wrong." May 12. Election of officers postponed from previous session in consequence of visit of Wardown Lodge. Exciting contest. W.C.T., Bro. Brightwell; W.V.T., Sister Cutler; W.S., Bro. Horley. Installed by Bro. Stoodley, W.D.Co. Five members of District Executive present. May 19.—One initiated. Singing; interesting session. Fifty present; nine absent, attending District Lodge at Winchester.

RYHOPE COLLIERY.—"Eleenezer." May 8. Election and installation of officers: W.C.T., Bro. T. Richardson; W.V.T., Bro. Robert Fox; W.Sec., Bro. J. Proud. The secretary reported an increase of three for the quarter. Seven initiated.—May 21. Arrangements made for District Lodge. Melodies by Bros. Richardson, Fearn, Carlin and Harris. Three proposed.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.—"Glorious Prospect." May 19. Bro. S. Stevenson, W.C.T. Programme, pound night. After business and a discussion on smoking, a good number of parcels were sold by the W.C.T., realising a small sum for the benefit of the fonds.

REDRUTH.—"Help and Refuge." May 11. Election and installation of C.T., Bro. J. M. Harris; W.V.T., Sister B. Hicks; W.Sec., Sister E. E. Mitchell.—May 18. Two candidates proposed and one initiated. Programme, read, say, sing, or pay a penny; every member contributed towards programme; none called upon to pay the penny; good attendance; very pleasant evening.

TORNES.—"Dart Vale." May 18. Business session; reports of past officers encouraging especially that of S.J.T.; the G.W.C.T.'s quarterly circular read. Visitors present from Hope of Buckfast Lodge and Torquay Excelsior, For Good of the Order, singing by choir, accompanied by Bro. Jordan on the flute; recitation by Sister Hedden, of the Excelsior Lodge; session addresses by Bros. Andrews, W.C.T., and Searle, L.D., of the Hope of Buckfast.

WINCHESTER.—"Itchen Valley." May 7. Election of officers, Bro. Buzz, W.C.T., Bro. Wilmot, W.Sec, re-elected. Tax paid on 59 members; increase of seven during the quarter.—May 14. Officers installed by Bro. Lucas, L.D. Two initiated.—May 21. Reports of D.L. Reps. G.W.C.T. circular read by Bro. Lucas. Monthly portion, which realised 11s. 1d. One restored. WATCHWORDS sold weekly.

MARGATE.—"Perseverance." May 21. Public meeting. Chair taken by Rev. Dyke at 8 o'clock. Opened with prayer by Rev. Watt. Chairman's address. Song by Bro. Cole, W.F.S.; recitation by Bro. Dunthorne, L.E.S. Address by Bro. J. M. Skinner, U.K.A. Song by Sister Jones. Good attendance; very pleasant evening.

PLYMOUTH.—"Eliott." May 21. Annual tea and public meeting, presided over by Bro. E. A. Davies, P.D.C.T. On May 19, 1871, the Lodge was instituted, and from it has sprung a great influence in spreading the Temperance movement through Good Templary. One of the first 10 members of the Lodge has instituted over 20 Lodges in the two counties of Devon and Cornwall, and his name is still on the roll; songs by Bros. James, Sergeant Griffiths, R.M.L.I., and Manning and Sisters James, Cowl, and Manning. Readings and addresses by Bros. Sergeant Woolcock, R.M.L.I., Caun, Husband, Smith and Mumford. A pleasant evening spent, and two candidates obtained.

FOOT'S CRAY.—"Busy Bees." April 21. Greetings received from Hope of Streatham Lodge, per Bro. Farrance. Readings and songs by visitors and members.—May 4. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. H. J. Knight; W.V.T., Sister M. Alcock; W.Sec., Sister S. Alcock. Officers installed by Bro. H. Hodder, L.D. Reception Committee appointed to make arrangements for District Lodge at Sidcup on May 22.—May 11. Standing Committees appointed. Report of officers read and adopted. W.Sec's report shewed a total number in good standing, 39 members, being an increase of two on the previous quarter. W.Tr. reported a good balance in hand.

VENTNOR.—"Undercliffe." May 24. Open session at 5.15. Bro. Clack in the chair; addresses by the Rev. A. Fogwell and Bro. the Rev. J. Redhead; recitation, "Slain by Drink," by Miss Mabey: instrumental and vocal music by the sisters and brothers; a goodly number of visiters, a very pleasant and profitable evening.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—An aggregate session of all the Lodges working in Dublin, arranged by the Executive of the Dublin City and County District Lodge was held on Friday evening, May 21, in the Central Lecture Hall, Westmoreland-street, the chair being occupied by the D.C.T., Sister Mrs. Atkin, who was supported by the G.W.C.T. and G.W.Sec. There was a very fair attendance, each Lodge being represented. The meeting was opened at 7.45 o'clock. A programme of entertainment arranged by the D.Sec., Bro. W. R. Emery, was gone through in an admirable manner, and a most instructive and profitable evening spent. The following kindly contributed to the programme:—Songs: Sisters R. Fitzhenery and Wheller, and Bros. Woodworth, Chilton, and Boucher: readings by Bros. Walsh and Howe, and recitation by Sisters McKay and M. Gilchrist. Addresses were also delivered by Bro. C. F. Allen, R.W.G.Treas. Bro. T. Treacy, D.V.T., and Sister Mrs. Atkin, D.C.T., and a paper by Sister H. Moss, L.D., all of which were listened to with close interest and attention. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Executive for their efforts in connection with the session, the meeting closed at 10.15.

NAVAL.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White and Blue." May 22. One received on c.c. Bros. Beattie and Costello, of the R.E.'s, congratulated on their promotion. Item of evening, "brothers surprise sisters," was well carried out, the surprises consisting of both useful and ornamental articles, viz., workboxes, epergens, vases, kid gloves, silk handkerchiefs, &c., &c.

MILITARY.

TRINCOMALIE.—"Duke of Albany." March 29. Second anniversary celebrated by a public entertainment. The Lodge met at 6 p.m. to initiate candidates, and the public proceedings commenced at 7 p.m. The room was crowded. Songs and recitations were given by the members, assisted by the Unity Lodge. Refreshments were provided. Up to date there are 33 members on the roll in good standing.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." May 18. Lodge opened at 7.10 p.m. by Bro. Sergeant J. Checkley, W.C.T. Two candidates initiated; two proposed. Letters read from Bro. Harrison Ireland, G.W.C.T. of India; Bro. Cootes, Menden Rose Lodge; the G.W.C.T. of Ireland, Bro. Howard Kinsall. A very pleasant evening spent, and very good attendance.

DEGREE TEMPLE.

CLAPTON.—"Havelock." May 19. Large attendance. Degree of Charity conferred on two, and Fidelity on nine candidates. Grand Lodge proceedings discussed on short report by Bro. E. A. Gibson, P.D.C.T.; as also preparations for next Grand Lodge session in London, 1887, by the D.T., Bro. Caston.

GERMANY.

HAMBURG.—"Port of Hamburg." Bro. Captain T. W. Kitwood, W.C.T., brought greetings from 11 of his crew, members of our Lodge, belonging to s.s. Cuxhaven, which was run into and sunk, Bro. Kitwood says, how pleased he was to see the way in which his men resisted temptation, as, during the time of raising his vessel, drink was freely served out on board, but our Templar brethren proved that they could continue on their long and tedious hours of labour without the aid of alcohol. Fraternal greetings were exchanged, with thanks to our W.C.T. for what he had done for the Lodge, wishing him and his brave crew every success, and a speedy return to Hamburg.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

BIRMINGHAM.—"St. Gabriel's." This Temple continues to carry on its work amongst the children in the poorest part of Birmingham most efficiently and successfully.—May 22. Recitation contest, and prizes were offered by the Executive for the two best recitations. Bro. Bloxham, of Highgate Lodge, acted as umpire. There were a good many competitors, and the prize for girls was awarded to Muriel Carias, whose recitation was excellent and received hearty applause. The prize for boys was gained by Albert Rowe, the "tiny" sentinel of the Temple. Prior to the contest there were eight initiations, swelling the number of members to 101, the first time that three figures have been reached since the

institution of the Temple in September last. Several publicans children in this neighbourhood, are now in the ranks of St. Gabriel's Juvenile Temple.

RATCLIFF.—"Hope of Ratcliff." May 19. Eight initiated; question-box and letters read and answered by Bros. G. Smith, Brown, S.J.T., which proved instructive and entertaining.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White, and Blue." May 17. Ten initiated, making over 100 in good standing; item of evening, songs, &c.; songs by Bros. Fowler, Garside; recitations by Bro. Galpin, Sister E. Crisp, &c.; prizes presented to Sister L. Burke for making the best buttonhole at the button-hole bee, and to Bro. Cain for bringing the second best list of members during the quarter; large number present.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." May 10. Opening night in new Lodge-room. Pleasant session; room crowded; nine proposed: 14 initiated. Sister E. Kerry was presented with a Bible for her services as pianist during the past year. Bro. C. Sigston, P.W.C.T., White Rose Lodge, afterwards gave an address; other members also spoke. Sec.'s report shewed 198 children in good standing, an increase of 17 on the term; treasurer's report good; election and installation of officers.—May 17. Good meeting; seven proposed; short addresses by superintendents, and afterwards Bro. Reddish (a blind brother) ably entertained.

SHADWELL.—On May 21 a Temple was instituted under the auspices of the Pride of Lyttleton Lodge, by Bro. H. Heal, D.C.Co., assisted by Bros. D. Carmen, V.S.J.T.; Brown, S.J.T., Thomas, S.J.T.; James, L.D.; Lindsey, W.C.T.; Sister Mrs. Hill, L.D., and about 50 members of the Hope of Ratcliff and Limpet J.T.; 22 children and four adults were initiated. Sister Mrs. E. Hill (Mile End) was elected superintendent, and Bro.W. Lindsey, Assistant Superintendent. Practical addresses by Bros. G. Brown, Grimsdale, Thomas, and Sisters Mrs. Hill. The Temple was named the Hope of Lyttelton.

CHELSEA.—"Chelsea." May 21. Two initiated; Bro. Bell, C.T. Visit of Bro. T. C. Macrow, who acted S.J.T. on the behalf of Sister E. Kimmias. Programme, writing competition by sisters, resulting by five sisters; prizes to be given next session. Judges, Sisters Matkin and Mastin, and Bro. Grantham. About 80 members present.

SOUTHWARK.—"Eagle." May 19. Four initiated; one adult member admitted. Sister Rosina Smith received a prize for bringing the largest number of new members in April. Some recited, others sang; a very pleasant session.

WINCHESTER.—"Hope of the Future." May 17. Superintendent, Bro. Hooper. A very good programme. Temple doing very well. Eight Juveniles initiated.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

S.W. LANCASHIRE.—Chowbent, Atherton. May 15. Meeting opened at 3 p.m., Bro. R. Anders, D.S.J.T., presiding. Reports of District Supt. Sec. and Treasurer were read and adopted. These shewed one new Temple having been instituted during the quarter, and that a new system of visitation of Temples by visiting superintendents had been organised by the Executive, by which a date was fixed for a special quarterly visit to be paid by each V.S. in addition to one at some date at his own convenience. The Treasurer's report shewed a balance in hand. The death of Bro. T. P. Moreweather, W.W.P., was recorded. A resolution in favour of the principle of Mr. Conybeare's Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) Bill was adopted. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Arthur Newell, D.Co., for a present of books and the institution of quarterly reciting contests. It was also resolved that in addition to the usual tea each Temple pay a quarterly visit fee towards working expenses of Council. It was further ordered that officers attending Executive meetings have their travelling expenses paid. The Council was adjourned at 5.30 p.m., and after tea a procession, headed by the Atherton Temperance Brass Band and the City of Refuge Lodge (Chowbent), and banner paraded the town. A public meeting was held later on, presided over by the D.S.J.T., at which a reciting contest by members of the Try Again Juvenile Temple took place. Addresses were delivered by Bros. Anders, D.S.J.T., Morris Jones, W.D.S., Kirkus, P.W.D.S., and others. Bro. West, L.D., acted as accompanist.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

SHEFFIELD CONVENTION.—The annual session of the Sheffield Convention was held at the Friends' Schools, on May 10, when a large number of members from the various Lodges in and around Sheffield were present. An extensive account of operations during the year was submitted, shewing that the ordinary work of the Lodges had been well attended to, and that some special work had been done in the electoral and mission departments of a most useful kind, the state of the Order being very encouraging. The financial statements shewed receipts £164 14s. 6½d.; payments, £126 12s. 4½d.; cash in hand, £38 1s. 2d. The assets were £71 17s. 8d., and the liabilities nil. The following officers of the Convention for 1886-7 were installed by Bro. J. Hampshire, D.E.S., assisted by Bro. the Rev. J. Thornley, P.D.C.T., and Bro. F. Lodge, V.D., viz.:—W.C.T., Bro. W. E. Clegg; W.V.T., Sister M. J. Doncaster; W.S., Bro. Walter Graville; W.F.S., Bro. John Parker; W.T., Bro. James Wills; W.Ch., Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd; W.M., Bro. A. C. Hayes; P.W.C.T., Bro. T. W. Lincoln; W.G., Bro. G. Akers; W.Sent., Bro. A. Kuypers; W.A.S., Bro. C. Cooper; W.D.M., Sister S. A. Chamberlain. Bro. W. E. Clegg, W.C.T., presented the Challenge Trophy to Home of Safety Lodge, Hollinsend, as being the most successful Lodge during the year. Mrs. Doncaster, representing the "Sale of Work" Committee, handed to the treasurer the sum of £25, the proceeds of the recent conversazione. The committees for the ensuing year were appointed, and the meeting closed.

GRAND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

BIRMINGHAM, MAY 21, 1886, at 9.40 A.M.

All the Executive officers were present. The G.W.M. opened with prayer.

TRADE REPORT.—The report of the trading department was presented, and after some discussion on various points, adopted.

TRANSFER OF LODGE.—The transfer of Southtown Lodge from Suffolk District to Norfolk was confirmed.

VALUATION OF STOCK FIXTURES, &C.—The G.W.Sec. submitted a valuation of office stock, fixtures, plant, &c., taken by Bro. W. H. Richards, which shewed a larger sum than the amount standing in balance-sheets.

QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.—The monthly accounts were passed for payment, and the income and expenditure for the quarter examined in detail.

HOME MISSION.—Various items in connection with Home Mission were dealt with.

BRO. POULTER.—The G.W.Sec. read a letter from Bro. J. E. Poulter, P.G.A.S., thanking the Executive for the kindly references to him in the report presented to Grand Lodge.

NEW OFFICES.—The Standing Sub-committee, Bros. Malins, Collings, and Derrington, were authorised to transact the necessary business connected with completion of new premises and the rent of the board-room was fixed.

"GRAND LODGE TIMES."—The G.W. Sec. reported that there was a profit of £1 4s. from the *Grand Lodge Times*.

SPECIAL SESSIONS GRAND LODGE.—These were arranged:—Penzance, July 2; Crystal Palace, July 13; Liverpool International Exhibition, August 28. Executive meetings were fixed:—London, July 12; Liverpool, August 27.

BRITISH AND COLONIAL TEMPERANCE CONGRESS.—The G.W.C.T., G.E.S., and G.W. Sec. were appointed to attend this Congress.

WELSH GRAND LODGE.—The Grand Sentinel, Bro. J. J. Thomas, was appointed to attend this Grand Lodge.

CONSTITUTIONS.—The Revised Constitutions were submitted and passed after examination.

COMMITTEES.—The following committees were appointed: *Political Action*—Bro. J. Kempster, Essex; John Mann, Surrey E. and M.; L. Crow, Essex; J. H. R. Moloney, Middlesex; J. M. Skinner, Kent, E.; N. W. Hubbard, Surrey, E. and M.; W. Dodgson, Durham, S. *Orphanage*—Sister Robson, Cheshire, W.; Sister Walshaw, Yorks, N.W.; Sister Webb, Hereford; Bro. Malins, Warwick; Bro. Collings, Lancashire, S.W. *Special Committee on Resolution re Orphanage*—Bros. Edward Wood, John Bowen, John Kempster, J. Malins, J. B. Collings, Rev. J. Deane, W. S. Clark. *Appeals*—Bro. J. Davies, Cheshire, W.; Bro. Todd, Cumberland, E.; Bro. Dalzell, Notts; Bro. Wardropper, Durham, N.; Bro. Burleigh, Hunts, N. *Hymn and Ode Book*—Bros. Malins, R. P. J. Simpson, Rev. W. Mottram, Herbert, J.W. Hopkins, Rev. E. Franks, and Sister Young. *Negro Mission*—Bros. Rev. J. Mackenzie, Rev. H. J. Boyd, John Glaisyer, Sisters A. M. Green, Lizzie Osborn, Catherine Impey, I. Metford and M. E. Doewra.

POLITICAL ACTION.—The G.E.S. submitted plan of proposed petitions, and resolutions which he proposed sending to D.E.Supt.

DEATH OF SISTER LADY OGLE.—A resolution expressive of the loss to the Order and to the cause of Temperance by the death of Sister Lady Ogle was adopted.

BRITISH TEMPERANCE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETINGS, June 29 and 30.—Sister Mrs. Eccles and Bro. J. Edwards were appointed to represent the Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION TO LIBRARY.—The G.W.Sec. read letter from Mr. J. Dimond, Southport, presenting several volumes of the *Rechabite Magazine*, and promising to complete the set, and very hearty thanks were given for the same.

After transacting other business, the meeting closed at 5.40 p.m.

JOHN B. COLLINGS, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.

THE MAY MEETINGS.—Friends visiting London may find excellent day accommodation at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C. Luncheons, teas, &c., at moderate tariff. Country subscriptioos 10s. 6d. per annum. Reading and writing-rooms, &c.

LOST.

THE TERRIBLE FATE OF A SMALL BODY OF MEN, AND THE FUTURE HANGING OVER MANY OTHERS.

THE keeper of the Eddystone lighthouse recently discovered a bottle containing the following pathetic sentences, the last expressions of a small band of shipwrecked men:—

"We have been living upon a raft for 10 days, and for more than half of the time without water. We have hoped against hope, and now are ready and waiting for death. Anything is better than this agony. We cannot endure it more than a few hours longer. Yesterday we saw a vessel and thought we were safe, but it passed on without seeing us. To-day we have abandoned hope. Such a death, away from friends, and in such agony, is terrible. To look into the cannon's mouth requires bravery, but to face death coming slowly, but surely, needs only despair. There is no hope."

The only difference between the experience of these men and thousands of others on land to-day is that the shipwrecked men realised their fate, while the others do not. They are in just as certain danger, but are wholly unconscious of it. They are aware that their heads pain them frequently; that their appetite is fickle; that they are losing flesh or possibly bloating; that their skin is often hot or feverish alternating with distressing chills; that at times breathing is difficult; that the ambition is gone and despondency frequently occurs. People notice these things but think they are caused by some cold or indigestion, and hence give them no further thought. Any one of the above symptoms recurring at intervals indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys which is certain to result in Bright's disease if permitted to go on unchecked. What the terrors of this terrible disease are can never be described, but it has carried off some of the finest men and most noble women England has ever produced. "About one-third its victims," says Dr. Roberts, the highest authority on the subject, "through neglect to take the disease promptly in hand on its first appearance, die of uremio poisoning, in convulsions or diarrhœa. Many die from watery suffocation, from gangrenous erysipelas in the legs and thighs, pneumonia, heart disease, apoplexy, intestinal ulcerations, paralysis, &c., all of which troubles are the result of Bright's disease."

Another high authority says:—"Diabetes and Bright's disease of the kidneys always terminate in death if discovered too late, but yield readily to treatment if taken in time. Thousands of people who pass thick, yellow matter, with brickdust sediment, and complain of a slight backache, headache, dizziness, imperfect vision, cold back, hands and feet, general debility, &c., &c., are victims to this deadly disease, unknown to themselves, and when, at last, overcome by its exhausting influence they present themselves to their medical attendant, he, nine times out of ten, will write out a prescription for malarial poison, or discovering their terrible condition, inform them that they have come 'too late.'"

To permit the kidneys to rot away or to suffer limestone deposits to accumulate in the bladder is criminal carelessness, especially when it can be entirely avoided by care and the use of the proper means. For this purpose, however, there is but one known remedy, and that is WARNER'S SAFE CURE, which can be obtained from all chemists or druggists, or of H. H. WARNER and Co., 47, Farringdon-street, London, E.C. It is true there are many preparations that claim to cure or relieve these troubles, but no remedy has ever been found that absolutely does this except the one above mentioned. It is actually the only proprietary medicine which has ever received the unqualified endorsement of the medical profession. Among the hundreds of medical men who have prescribed it and written about its wonderful properties are such lights in the profession as Dio Lewis, M.D., who stands at the very head and front of hygienic science, and Dr. Robert A. Gunn, the well-known president of the United States Medical College, of New York City. These men are men of science who value their reputation as their life, and who would not endorse a thing unless they knew it to possess merit of the highest degree. But the thousands of men, women, and children in every nook and corner of America who have been kept from disease and saved from death by means of WARNER'S SAFE CURE speak more truly for its value than could all the endorsements of every physician in the land. They do not speak of its chemical properties, but of its healing powers. They know the value of the remedy, for it has restored them to health. The above facts all shew that it is a duty you owe yourself and your friends to not only carefully observe and reflect upon these things, but to attend to them in time.

BRO. ROSBOTTOM is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[ADVT]

WE beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]

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NINETY-SEVEN IGNOBLE LORDS.

SEVENTY noble lords voted for the third reading of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, and 97—can we call them noble also?—voted against it; so that the Bill was thrown out by a majority of 27. Whatever the rank or titles of these men, we call this ignoble conduct. We met a Radical teetotal member of Parliament on the morning after the division, and he actually said he was glad the Lords had thrown out the Bill. We asked why he was glad. He said, "Because it will teach our Temperance men what they may expect from the Lords and the Tories." This was all very well from a Radical, but our Conservative friends who vote consistently, independently of a candidate's party politics, may well reply, that a large number of so-called Liberal and Radical members of Parliament would not vote square if they could get votes without pledging themselves. But even the "vote for vote" policy will not reach the House of Lords, unless they so abundantly prove themselves the enemies of Temperance that teetotalers are obliged to compass the abolition of the House of Lords as a preliminary to the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Rotten vested interests have a liking for each other just as certain kinds of vermin thrive on putrefaction. We have heard some of our Temperance politicians regret that Sir Wilfrid Lawson was so strong an opponent of the Lords. Perhaps, now, apart from all party considerations, the recent conduct of the Lords may modify this regret, and we may recognise the sagacity of Sir Wilfrid in opposing the Lords as the defenders of the liquor interest. We do not forget that Lord Salisbury bitterly opposed the prohibition of the payment of wages in public-houses; and his main reason was that many hundreds of publicans would be deprived of their means of livelihood unless they were allowed thus to entrap their men at the time they received their wages, and before they could reach their wives and families. Notwithstanding any Conservative tendencies we may have had, this settled Lord Salisbury in our estimation, and his recent speech and conduct only confirm our opinion of his callous-heartedness. It would seem that working men and their families are, in his estimation, only so many inferior creatures for rich brewers, publicans, and land owners to subsist upon. We abhor such doctrines, and could wish that all men were in some fashion converted who hold them, and that all institutions were abolished that tend to keep the people in the slavery of drinkdom. That 97 ignoble lords, representing nobody but themselves, should thus override the will of a whole county full of working people who simply desire to live purer and nobler lives, and to free themselves from enticements to intemperance upon their one day of rest—be it their Sabbath or their secular holiday—is a scandal and a disgrace. *Punch* once had a picture of some miners who saw a clergyman approaching, and on one of their number saying who he was, another remarked, "Heave a brick at him." This we took to indicate *Punch's* estimate of the low brutality of the men. What will *Punch* say now when the men of Durham clamour for a sober Sunday, and when 97 ignoble lords deny them the simple justice of self-government in so righteous a direction? We would not say to the Durham miners, "Heave a brick at Salisbury"; but we should certainly regard it as a healthy sign, when any of these 97 tom-noddies may parade themselves in the Durham coalfields, if they should meet with an unmistakably warm reception.

IN ANOTHER COLUMN we give an article on Good Templary, from "Hazell's Annual Cyclopædia," which comprises much matter, intended to be a cyclopædia of current institutions, events, and contemporary individuals. It is a remarkable work of some 600 pages, and contains nearly 2,000 articles. It is edited by E. D. Price, F.G.S.

THE TEMPERANCE CONGRESS AT CROYDON was one of the most complete ever devised, and the admirable papers read thereat will make the volume of proceedings of especial value. It was thought to charge 5s. for the volume, but especial assistance enables the hon. secretary, A. Grinstead, Esq., Croydon, to promise copies at 2s. 6d.

"TEETOTAL BLUE-COAT BOYS' at the Mansion House" forms the large front page illustration of the *Juvenile Templar* for June, accompanied by suitable letterpress. The whole number is exceedingly attractive and entertaining, and deserves pushing as a cheap and good paper for children. The edition published under the name of *Sunrise* is well adapted for circulation in Sunday-schools and Bands of Hope.

THE DEATH OF LADY OGLE, P.G.W.V.T.

We have to record the death of one of the early friends of our Order, and one who, having given it the advantage of her name and influence, in its early days, retained her membership up to the time of her decease. Lady Ogle filled the office of G.W.V.T. in the year 1873-74, having been elected to that office at the Bristol session of the Grand Lodge of England.

The late Lady Ogle, of Withdeane Court, near Brighton, was Lady of the Manor of Withdeane, daughter of the late William Thomas Roe, Esq., Commissioner of Customs and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancashire; granddaughter of the late Sir E. Dering, Bart., of Surrenden-Dering, Kent; niece of the late Sir Frederick Adair Roe, Bart., formerly Chief Magistrate at Bow-street; and widow of the late Captain Sir Chalmer Ogle, who was the eldest son of Admiral Sir Charles Ogle. Her husband died in 1859. In the vicinity of Brighton, Lady Ogle was known for her Christian benevolence and active sympathy with the poor. Her private chapel and mission-hall were centres of Christian work, and her purse was largely drawn upon for the relief of the temporal necessities of those around her, as well as for ministering to their spiritual advancement.

Her interest in the Temperance movement was shewn by personal effort and abstinence, as well as by financial aid. She first signed the pledge to induce an old and faithful servant—a victim to intemperance—to do the same, and her influence and example thus saved one who lived afterwards for some years a consistent Christian life, and whose end was perfect peace. Lady Ogle kept a pledge-book and cards, and was unwearied in her efforts to reclaim the fallen and to watch over the rescued. A Total Abstinence Society and Band of Hope were carried on at Windsor Hall, her ladyship's mission-hall, before Good Templary existed at Brighton, and on Bro. Parsons holding a meeting there to recommend the Order, a Lodge was instituted, called the Withdeane Court Lodge, No. 908, and Lady Ogle became its W.C.T., and was subsequently elected W.D. Treasurer for the Sussex District. In August, 1872, the second Convention of the Order for the county of Sussex was held in the chapel and grounds of Withdeane Court, which was attended by the G.W.C.T., who was then suffering from illness, and was very kindly nursed at Lady Ogle's house. We gather from the report of the proceedings in the *Templar* of that date that everything passed off with great *éclat* and enthusiasm.

The death of Lady Ogle occurred on May 12, at the age of 62. She had long been a confirmed invalid, having lost her sight for some years past. Her remains were buried on the 17th inst. in the Brighton Extra Mural Cemetery, and a large concourse of the poor as well as many distinguished friends were present.

We learn from the *Brighton Gazette* that "the mournful procession left Withdeane Court at 1 o'clock, and slowly wended its way along the Preston-road, which was lined with spectators of all ranks of society, and who, almost one and all, reverently lifted their hats and remained bareheaded as the *cortège* passed. Many of the places of business were also partly closed, and signs of mourning were very generally observable. Passing slowly through the rapidly increasing throng of onlookers, many of whom turned and joined in the procession of pedestrians which followed the vehicles, the procession proceeded by way of Round Hill-crescent and Upper Lewes-road to the Extra Mural Cemetery, at the gates of which it was joined by a fresh and numerous contingent of the public. The scene was solemnly impressive as the long string of carriages, followed and flanked on either side by hundreds of pedestrians, slowly wended its way up the tree-shaded avenue leading to the burial ground, the monotonously even tolling of the bell for the dead, and the semi-gloom occasioned by the leafy foliage of the trees overhead influencing the slowly advancing crowd to silence, until, save for the sound of the wheels and of the feet of the pedestrians, silence prevailed. On reaching the gate of the chapel a short halt took place while the coffin, still covered with its floral tributes of regard and affection for the departed, was removed from the car, and carried into the sacred edifice, where the first portion of the burial service for the dead was performed by the Rev. J. G. Gregory, Incumbent of Emmanuel Church, and the Rev. Mr. Jackson (Vicar of Patcham). The service was peculiarly impressive, and the hymns were especially appropriate. The first song was the well-known one commencing,

'Safe in the arms of Jesus,'

followed by

'Who, who are these beside the chilly wave?'

By the time the first portion of the service had been brought to a conclusion some 700 or 800 people had assembled round the special space which had been reserved for the grave. This was railed off with an iron palisading which was draped with black. A raised platform was placed round the grave, covered with crimson cloth, and at the head of the grave the enclosure was banked up with moss and growing plants and the wreaths which had been sent were also deposited here, while the coffin was awaiting its lowering to the grave." Numerous wreaths were deposited by loving hands, and the report further states that "no one who was present at the concluding portion of the sad rites could fail to be struck by the wide range of sympathy and respect which was exhibited by those who had flocked to the grave. The humbler classes of life, amongst whom her ladyship had gained such a well-deserved reputation for philanthropy, were largely represented. It was noticeable, too, that in nearly every case some effort had been made to shew by an outward compliance with conventionality the respect and regret which lay buried beneath. The scanty piece of crape, the well-worn and threadbare black gloves, and the much-brushed black hat, testified, as plainly as words, to the hearty and sincere desire of the humbler section of the assembly to combine with genuine and unfeigned sorrow the orthodox outward signs of mourning. The concluding sentences of the service were uttered amidst a profound silence amidst which the sound of earth falling upon the coffin could be distinctly heard as the Rev. J. G. Gregory pronounced the solemn passage 'Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust.' Before the concluding hymn was sung he delivered a brief and fitting exhortation to those present. He said there were many of them gathered together who loved so much their dear departed sister, and they could not let them depart without one word. God had taken their dear sister home, she was absent from them in the body and was present with the Lord in the spirit. Where was she now? She was now with Jesus where He reigns supreme shining in brightness, where no tears nor sighs should be. One word to the neighbours of the departed one. It might be but a little while, and they too must be ready to meet the grave. Jesus died for her, and He had taken her. Jesus died for us all, and he would take us all; how precious were the words 'Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest,' and 'Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.' What a loving speech. He would in no ways cast out any who came to Him. Was not the promise plain and simple, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you he that believeth in Me hath everlasting life.' The hymn beginning

'For ever with the Lord,
Amen, so let it be,'

was then sung, and the ceremony came to a conclusion."

The Order was represented at the funeral by Bros. Major S. Williams, D.C.T.; J. Nisbet, D.E.Supt.; G. Cooper, D.C.L.; Sir E. Paulson, D.V.T.; and Bro. H. Saunders. Lady Ogle's own Lodge was represented by Sister B. Reed, W.C.T., and Bro. A. Peters, L.D., and many other Good Templars.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT AND THE VIRTUES OF LITTLE-DROP DRINKING.

Bro. Rev. W. Spurgeon, Stourbridge, writes:—When reading the address of the Rev. Edward White I was not a little surprised and pained that one so undoubtedly able should use his dignified position as Chairman of the Congregational Union, for the purpose of making slighting and unjust references to the great Temperance question. One was led to wonder whether he had ever fully considered the subject; for surely a study of the *Spirit*, not only of our Lord's life and teaching, but of the whole New Testament, will lead to the conclusion that in view of the admitted evil (evil that like a cancer is eating out our national life), absolute and universal abstinence from all fermented liquors is demanded, not only in the interests of trade and morals, but for the spiritual good of the people. Mr. White has strangly mixed up the question of the moderate drinker and the drunkard. It would have been well if he had gone a little further, and told us where the line can be drawn. Where Temperance ends, and Intemperance begins. Every day experience proves to us that large numbers of the temperate of to-day are on the way to fill the ranks of the degraded, "who shall infallibly be consigned to the abyss of perdition."

Again, Mr. White talks as though the Temperate Christian men were as likely as the abstainers, or more so, to feel deeply for the victims of the drink. But where are the facts of the case? Why, that those who are clean from all connection with the drink will not only labour more heartily, but more successfully. Experience teaches that the drunkard is seldom influenced by the moderate drinker. It is far more likely that the person warned shall cry back to his brother, who loves his claret and port, "Physician heal thyself." One more, Mr. White speaks as though the best allies of the Temperance movement are the Christians who take a little. But, sir, those who have been for years at work rescuing the perishing could tell this divine that the greatest difficulties of their work have arisen from the persons he so lauds. These respectable professors who never get too much are the people who have given a status and power to the drink it could never otherwise have had. But, alas, how many trying to follow them have gone too far, and now their blood is required at the hands of those who preferred to please themselves rather than give up a little for the brethren for whom Christ died. I know your space is limited, and so let me say that I trust this subject will be discussed in every District Lodge in the country, and so shall good come out of evil. In my own District Lodge of Worcestershire, on Monday, we had a very long and warm debate, resulting in a resolution being unanimously carried expressing our deep regret that so good a cause should have been so misrepresented.—W. Spurgeon, Stourbridge.

"S," the *Alliance News* London correspondent, observes:—It would be difficult to crowd a greater number of greater fallacies into the same compass than were collected into the few remarks on Temperance by the Rev. Edward White in his address to the Congregational Union of England and Wales. The evidence thus afforded by Mr. White of his ignorance of the question can alone account for his ability to make such an utterance in the presence of men, a majority of whom may be supposed to enjoy a tolerable acquaintance with the subject. The situation is about as ludicrous as would be the grave enunciation of the Ptolomaic theory of astronomy in the hearing of a company of modern scientists. Mr. White is a very good man, and can forcibly expound what he understands; but his interest in the Temperance Reform has never been strong, and he has proved, once for all, that he is enabled to rank among the agnostics while lecturing those who possess the information of which he is deficient.

A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

An interesting incident was witnessed at the annual meeting of the Total Abstinence Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, at Exeter Hall, under the presidency of the Bishop of Durham. In order to exemplify the social improvement effected by abstinence from intoxicating beverages, and the evils attendant on the drink system, a series of "transformation scenes" was exhibited, the process being a novel invention by the Transformation Printing Syndicate (Reid's Patent), of 34, Fenchurch-street. Two life-size representations were displayed of a dissipated and unkempt individual suffering from the effects of debauchery, and on the pictures being "sponged off" with water they revealed the familiar form and face of the late Mr. J. B. Gough, the eminent Temperance reformer and lecturer. A number of smaller plates were distributed amongst the audience, under the title of "A Startling Change," the picture of an object drunkard leaving a pawnshop, and striking his ragged boy who cries for food, being converted, by the simple application of sponge and water, into a well-attired, sober, and respectable citizen, leading along a well-clad, smiling child. The effect of the "transformations" upon the crowded audience was immense, and was received with enthusiastic applause. The exhibition was conducted by Mr. Tyrrell, the indefatigable manager of the publication department of the Church of England Temperance Society, whose efforts were most successful. This novel process is adopted for sketches and advertisements for social, political, and commercial purposes, and is quite unique in its attractive effects.—*City Press.*

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

The Government of New South Wales have added Bro. Alexander Hutchinson, G.W.C.T. of New South Wales, to the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the evils arising from the Drink Traffic.

The Metropolitan District Executive met on the Surrey side on Saturday, May 15,and organised for receiving the Grand Lodge of England in annual session at Easter, 1887. I had the pleasure of being present and noting the determination to make the session the most memorable ever held.

The Journal of the International Temperance Congress, recently held at Antwerp, is issued in the French language, at the low price of 1s., post free 1s. 3d. It contains the several papers read there, including my own, on "A Century of Temperance Teaching." We can supply a few copies from our Grand Lodge office.

The Programme of Excelsior Lodge (No. 34) Alderly Edge, is a neat folded card, on the back of which it is announced that "Gospel services are held each Sunday afternoon," and also that a Band of Hope in connection with the Lodge meets fortnightly. It might also try to start a Senior Juvenile Temple, if it only met in the intervening weeks. A Senior Temple is a splendid stepping-stone to the adult Lodge.

Grand Lodge members did not know that on the Tuesday after Grand Lodge Session Bro. Edward Hall, of Middlesex, was to take part in an especially happy ceremony. On that day, at Malvern, he secured as his wife Sister Agnes Langley, daughter of Bro. and Sister Langley, whose excellent little hydropathic establishment in that charming resort is known and appreciated by many Good Templars, who have sought and found health there. I was "best man" for Bro. Hall on the occasion, and, of course, wished the principals all possible happiness.

A contemporary truly says that :—Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T. of England, in a paper on "A Century of Temperance Teaching," read at the International Conference in Antwerp, gave as a result of the movement that there are now in Great Britain and Ireland, not fewer than 10,000 total abstinence societies for adults, and an equally large number for children. All these are estimated to have about 2,500,000 abstaining members. It is supposed that there are an equal number of unattached abstainers —adults and children — thus giving a grand total of 5,000,000 in a population of 35,000,000, or one in seven.

The Newport Band of Hope Union invited our Grand Lodge Executive to a *recherché* breakfast, which was specially given in our honour, on Easter Wednesday morning, but pressing official duties precluded several from attending, but they sent able proxies. Those representing the G.L. Executive were Sister Robson, G.W.V.T. ; Bro. Rev. J. Aston, G. W. Chaplain ; Bro. R. Mansergh, P.G.W.Co., and Sister A. E. Eccles, P.W.D.V.T., all of whom made excellent speeches, after Sister Young, P.G.S.J.T., had, by special request, read an admirable paper on Temperance work among children, which was highly appreciated. The occasion was a most enjoyable one, and the Newport friends well merited the thanks accorded to them by the Grand Lodge for their hospitality.

The Annual Report of the Sussex-street Mission at Brighton, of which Bro. J. J.Jones is Missionary, says :—"On Monday evenings a Good Templars' Lodge is held, which numbers 147 members, the largest in Brighton. For the information of the uninitiated it may be stated that this is in every way a self-supporting society of total abstainers. The members are bound together in a bond of brotherhood, which feeling is often practically shewn in cases of need. The meetings are of a social, educational character, and always commenced by devotional exercises. These meetings have done an excellent work in 'rescuing the fallen and saving others from falling.' On Tuesday evenings similar gatherings are held for the young, over which Mrs. Jones presides. Youths and children to the number of 160 avail themselves of this opportunity of being trained in the virtues of Temperance, meekness, and obedience. The order and conduct of the children is most exemplary, and any friend interested in work among young people would be heartily welcomed at the meetings, and, we venture to think, repaid for any trouble taken in attending."

THE GAMBLING MANIA.

The month of May is always an eventful one to the sporting and pleasure-seeking fraternity of our land, from the fact that it is the first month in the year in which outdoor sports and amusements can be indulged in with any degree of enjoyment. Few sights are more cheerful than that of a large number of men and youths joining heartily in some manly English sport, such as cricket, running, jumping, or the like ; and the parks and commons in and surrounding our large towns provide excellent opportunities for those confined in factories and warehouses to obtain the recreation so much needed to revitalise their mental and bodily faculties. The rapid advance made in cycling during the past few years has also provided a new and healthful pastime by which many are enabled to leave the smoky cities behind, and enjoy a few hours of pure and invigorating country air. All this, however, is the best side of sport as practised in England.

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The recurrence of the great Epsom carnival gives rise to reflections the reverse of pleasurable. Here we see what may be called the dark side of English life. I can well imagine the excitement of horse-racing, the nearest parallel to which I should say is bicycle racing. There is nothing I enjoy so much as to witness half-a-dozen men struggling for the supremacy of the cinder track, and I would fain believe there are yet to bo found in athletic and cycling circles those who think more of the honour of championship than of the prizes they receive. And if horse racing were carried out on this principle, most of the objections to it would be removed. But we know that this so-called "national sport" is nothing more or less than a means by which men may indulge in gambling, swindling, and deception of the very worst description.

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It is hardly possible to find words strong enough to describe and condemn betting and all its attendant evils. When once indulged in there is nothing—excepting, perhaps, the use of strong drink—which seems to have a greater fascination for, and hold upon its victims, than gambling. If men lose their all to-day, they will contrive or scheme some device for getting money to stake again the next day in the hope of retrieving their position. And so they will go on till credit, respect, and honour are all sacrificed to feed this terrible mania. Would it be too much to say that in London alone tens of thousands of pounds will change hands over the result of last Wednesday's Derby? If the secrets of many could be laid bare, I am afraid we should find that some of those supposed to be in positions of affluence and prosperity, are upon the verge of ruin, their estates mortgaged up to the full value—everything staked in the hope that at last their "turn of luck," would come, and fortune be regained.

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But the evil is not confined to the upper classes. Led on by the vain promises of "tipsters," working men—and this class includes all dependent upon the produce of their labour for a living—are tempted to put a few shillings on some horse, sure to win, and bring them in a large interest for their "investment." An idea of the extent to which betting is carried on amongst this class may be obtained any week day by walking along Fleet-street, where hundreds may be seen eagerly conning sporting papers and "racing guides," and holding conferences with persons standing in the innumerable courts on either side of the street. Homes are neglected, wives and children are deprived of food and clothing, and the money which should be spent for these purposes finds its way into the bookmaker's pocket. Even if men do "spot the winner," did you ever hear of money won in this way ever doing a man any good? Invariably it finds its way into the public-house, or else is staked upon another animal only to be finally lost. A sport which is productive of nothing better than gambling, drinking, blasphemy, and dishonesty, is certainly not worthy the name of "national."

The evil, however, is not confined to the race-course ; and, I am afraid, unless some vigorous measures are taken, it will degrade many of our most healthy and needful pastimes to such an extent that no respectable man will be able to take part in them. You have only to attend the principal athletic and cycle meetings and you will see sweepstakes and betting openly arranged and carried on. Then, again, there is boat-racing. Can anybody doubt that "arrangements" are sometimes made, and that men, when brought out by professional bookmakers, row according to the orders they receive from their employers? All this kind of thing is demoralising true sport, though it is by no means confined to the class generally termed professionals.

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Some time ago, I believe, the Jockey Club adopted a rule forbidding betting amongst jockeys, but I do not think the A.A.A. has any law prohibiting athletes betting on the result of races they may take part in. If there is such a rule, it is practically a dead letter. The effect of this is that the results of some of the most important amateur races are influenced by the "market price," to be obtained on some of the runners. Cases are known where men have ran badly for two or three races on purpose to get well handicapped in a big event, when they will back themselves and secure a large stake. Only the other day I heard of a case where something similar to this was done, and the excuse given was that "you must make a little for yourself sometimes ; the training and other expenses are so heavy a young fellow cannot stand them." Of course it is hard to detect such cases, but that they do occur is a well known fact.

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Another objectionable feature has been introduced within the last few years, and has now grown to such dimensions as to call for some protest on the matter. I refer to the smoking concerts so general amongst clubs holding weekly meetings. Can you imagine anything more contradictory than a body of men engaging in a healthy exercise for some hours, ostensibly with the object of invigorating and resuscitating their bodily strength, and then immediately afterwards going into a close and confined room, and sit till late at night amid the fumes of tobacco smoke and alcoholic drink. The gatherings are nothing but a revival of the tap-room scenes of former days, and they are exerting a most injurious influence upon the health and morals of those taking part.

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Thus we find that sport in England is fast degenerating into nothing more than a means for betting, gambling, and dissipation. Of course there are many bright exceptions, and men are to be found who act honourably irrespective of the plans and schemes of others. We want to see this number multiplied, and a determined and resolute effort made to rid our national pastimes of blacklegs and gamblers. As social and Temperance reformers it is our duty to strive to stem this terrible betting fever, for it is ruining and degrading all classes of society.

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Not only in our Juvenile Temples must we warn the children on this matter, and teach them to shun the first step towards it as they would shun the taking of strong drink ; we must also endeavour to counteract the evil in our workshops, warehouses, and factories, and by both practice and precept discountenance it in every way. Let athletes and others come out from those clubs where gambling in any form is carried on,and also refuse to affiliate themselves with others where smoking and drinking appears to be the chief pastime of some. If some can be found to do this, then there is hope for true sport in England.

Free Lance.

Alcohol as a Medicine.—At a meeting of the Camberwell Board of Guardians, on May 19, the clerk submitted a return of the cost of wine and spirits issued upon medical certificates for outdoor relief from 1876 to 1885. The details were as follows :—1876, £67 ; 1877, £44 ; 1878, £46 ; 1879, £22 ; 1880, £23 ; 1881, £35; 1882, £30 ; 1883, £26; 1884, £22 ; 1885, £16. Dr. Greene, at whose suggestion the return was prepared, expressed satisfaction at it, and added that he thought the time was coming when no alcohol would be given. —Dr. Massey : You wouldn't prevent us using a little would you ? (Laughter.)—The Chairman : I heard someone say, a few days ago, that they had only used it three times at the London Temperance Hospital since it was opened, and that all those cases died. (Laughter.)

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CHARACTER DRESS AND KISSING GAMES.

Bro. A. E. Stevens, W.C.T., Guildford, writes :—I was very pleased to see your leading article this week in Watchword. It can only be a certain class of people who have no respect (or at least very little) for themselves who would think of indulging in such things. For myself, the least seen of them the better. Members would be leaving our Lodges, and fathers of families would object to see their daughters,and maybe their sons, join an Order so situated. Such is my opinion, and of all members I have spoken with on the subject. May all such things be kept out of our loved Order.

Bro. Harry Ainsworth, W.C.T., Love and Unity Lodge, Folkestone, writes :—I would like to ask Bro. R. Matthews how he reconciled his opening charge as W.C.T., "We are here to work, let us do so, and thus advance our common cause and honour God." Being myself only a recruit in the Order, and perhaps not so well taught as our D.G.W.C.T., I would like to know. I am a W.C.T. this term, and desirous of promoting the good of the Order, but I do not see how kissing games are going to do it. My Lodge only meets for two hours once a week. I cannot see how to bring in the so-called harmless and healthy recreation. If he would explain how he did it, perhaps ours might do likewise. My experience, which as I have stated is only very limited, proves the contrary. The Lodges that have solid work, lectures, and Gospel Temperance meetings, are the Lodges I find thrive. If the brother had been at the East Kent District meeting, this week, I think he would have learnt that in this end of England we do not want kissing games in the Lodges, and I sincerely hope and pray that they never will be allowed.

Bro. A. G. Hemsley, D.G.W.C.T., Artisan Lodge, Middlesex, writes :—I fail to see any reason why you should be astounded at the first correspondent's statements on account of his position, as there are many, I anticipate, even higher officials, will advocate above subjects. The Order, we learn with regret, has decreased in its membership during several past years. I fear the declension will continue now the Grand Lodge has prohibited kissing games. The proceeds of the soirées (I believe most Lodges have one every quarter) are the principal support of the Lodges paying their way. I must admit that the majority of those who attend these gatherings are young people who will not attend soirées unless kissing games are indulged in. I coincide with Bro. Matthews that it is silly talk about the immorality of the games. These games are no more likely to tend to immorality than the attendance of the sisters at the the ordinary Lodge sessions or public meetings, where both sexes meet; and being a fraternal Order, they will become, and are expected to be, acquainted with each other, as brothers and sisters ought to be, which I presume to be the true spirit of the Order. Then as to character dress. I am not a believer in the drama, which I should not think any member of our Order desired to perform in the Lodge-room; but I do believe in a good sketch, which has an excellent moral attached to it, not only because it is in accordance with the times, but it will draw those who spend most of their spare time in public-houses away to witness an innocent farce, who would not otherwise attend to listen to a speech upon total abstinence only.

Bro. A. Paterson, W.D.S. East Cumberland, writes :—Your able leader, which I heartily endorse, might with safety be taken as a complete answer to Bro. Matthews, but there are some very misleading statements in his letter,which as a member of this District I am bound to take notice of. Thestatement with respect to the success of the Anchor Lodge, in the matter of numbers I freely admit; but at what cost have they arrived at this position? By driving out the intelligent Temperance workers and filling their places with young members, some mere children; and such has been their conduct under the influence of the "simple games" (*sic*) that the Lodge has had to come under the discipline of the District Executive more than once, to the grief of the intelligent and more earnest Temperance workers of that Lodge. With respect to the petty sneer about "Goody-goodyism, and amateur clerics" and the wisdom of worshipping in chapels, &c., little need be said farther than this: that although not one of the "unco' gude," myself, I have always held the opinion that the truly *wise* religious man or woman took their religion, if they had any, into *all* the daily actions of their lives and *lived it*, and did not put it off and on with their Sunday clothes. Tears shed under a moving sermon on a Sunday make no atonement for deeds done on a Monday. The statement, "I know for a positive fact that had the six Lodges in Carlisle been polled 95 per cent. would have voted in favour of games," is a gross libel upon the Good Templars of Carlisle. There are six Lodges with a total membership of 358, and dare our brother assert, with the hope of being believed, that there are no more than 17 or 18 members of the Order in Carlisle who are opposed to the tomfoolery and mountebank work which is the result or outcome of these games? Individually, I must protest against such an assumption for it is *not* a fact; and I very much doubt whether the members of the Anchor Lodge will thank Bro. Matthews for holding them up to the contempt of the Order by saying that out of a membership of 110 in their Lodge there is but five or six who are really not above being classed among the foolish ones of the day. "Positive facts" such as these when examined by the light of common-sense, shew the utter worthlessness of the whole case our brother tries to make out; and I am not surprised that you should express your astonishment that any one holding the position he does, much less a father of a family, should advocate such things, totally forgetting or ignoring the objects of our Order—the reclamation of the druokard, and total suppression of the traffic in drink.

Bro. E. Kentish, London, late of the Isle of Wight, writes :—I am not one who practises much the very enjoyable act of osculation, but all the talk and twaddle adverse to it I characterise as perfectly uncalled for and imposing. Anyone would think that if we mingle in a kissing game we are *bound* to kiss everyone and anyone of the opposite sex. Not a bit of it. You can join in the game, and play it for two or three hours and not be compelled to give or receive a single kiss. Read the words at the commencement of the Watchword—"Policy—Broad; allowing Lodges to act according to locality," &c. Now, if a locality favour kissing games, why try to interfere with it when not a vestige of sin is committed or thought of, or a single item of Good Templary violated? It seems to me that the foremost and almost only objectors are married members, who can't partake of the games themselves, and so wish to have it abolished altogether from the younger folk. I fully endorse every word Bro. Matthews has said in his letter, and believe that (innocent as some may seem on the subject) there is scarcely a Lodge in England who do not at times have, desire, approve and wish the retention of harmless kissing games for those who like them.

Bro. E. R. Pickett, Paddington Lodge, London, writes :—As a member of the Paddington Lodge, I may say that when we discussed the Grand Lodge proceedings, there was not a single member in favour of the new bye-law. It was regarded by all the members as an interference with our personal liberty, and they did not consider that our Grand Lodge was carrying out its *professed* broad policy. I have personally canvassed the opinion of some 18 or 20 Lodges in Middlesex,and can guarantee that 98 per cent. of the members resented the prohibition.

Bro. "Jackson Martindal," Frizzington,writes: Thanks for re-opening the discussion on this question; but, the limitation is—like our beautiful initiatory ceremony—"of necessity brief." You are right, it is the province of the official organ to support the decisions of Grand Lodge, of which it is the mouthpiece. I go further, and say, it is the province of every member of our Order to advocate, through the official organ, anything that may tend to promote the "Good of the Order." Therefore, if any member can give practical proof of the two prohibited practices, that have, for the last 15 years, under comparatively little or no restraint, been the means of grace of reclaiming any single individual, aye, or married one either, or the means whereby any Lodge has been kept from collapsing and *permanently* secured the stability of such Lodge, "let him now declare it or for ever after hold his peace." But it would be well that our membership should have a clear and ungarbled definition of the prohibitory bye-laws, so that they may realise their true position in the matter. It is only meant (as I understand the ruling or decision of Grand Lodge) that at any entertainment or public meeting got up under the auspices of any Lodge or number of Lodges, that the two condemned practices be *not* a part of our programme or, introduced at such gatherings by any of our members. But, in order to make all clear in the matter and not confuse the meaning, I will ask the G.L. Executive to clearly settle this point, viz., a number of Lodges organise an outdoor demonstration and picnic, to which the "general public" are invited, and charged an entrance fee to the grounds. Many young people pay their admission fee, to whom the Temperance speeches are unsavory, owing to the difficulty of getting them within pale of the speaker's influence,and they, "the public,"commence these questionable games. Question: Is the Committee of Management to take action and stop the "little game," or—what is to be done in such an event? Also, Question No. 2: In what position do our Liverpool members stand in relation to the bye-law by their recent action at the demonstration in honour of her Majesty's visit to the City in their representation of the "Drunkard's Home" *versus* the "Teetotaler's Home"? An answer to these two questions will very much oblige.

Bro. W. Cann, P.D.C.T. (South Devon), writes: —Personally, I am delighted that the Grand Lodge took such a stand at its last session on the above subject. In this District (South Devon) we have materially suffered on account of these so-called parlour games, which would be better described "tea-garden" games. My experience is that these games are usually adopted when the funds of the Lodge have become low, and then our Lodge-rooms are thrown open to the public. Two or three Lodges in this District resorted to these games, but ultimately found that they did not pay, and to-day they barely exist. The Eliott Lodge, which held its 15th anniversary on the 21st, has held its own for members as compared with other Lodges in the neighbourhood for years; has its monthly prayer meeting and devotional exercises, and last week on paying a fraternal visit to the James Teare Lodge, at Devonport, high eulogy was passed by one of the oldest members of the Lodge, visited on the entertainment given, and warmly endorsed by all the other members present—the singing, readings, recitations and addresses being well chosen. Said the brother: "If more such food as that provided to-night was given in our Lodges we should not see so many who, after having been with us for a short time, depart with a bad impression of the doings in our Order." I know for a fact that had the Lodges in Plymouth been polled as large a percentage would have been against the games as that said to be for them at Carlisle. It is evident that the Templars of Carlisle and Plymouth are at extremes in this matter as they are geographically; and I trust we shall always be opposed to such questionable tactics in trying to stay the leakage in our membership.

Bro. J. W. Johnson, P.W.C.T., S.D., and Degree Secretary, Carlisle, writes :—I think Bro. Matthews has largely overrated the facts in his estimate of those who would have voted for the kissing games, wisely and justly prohibited by last G.L. Session. I quite concur with Bro. Matthews' statement that it is greatly to be regretted our Order has been decreasing, and the decrease is mainly owing to the fact that those idiotic kissing games have been allowed to exist so long in our Lodges, for they have driven the more intelligent, tried, and trusted of our members from us. And I will just call your attention to the following facts (which can easily be proved). In 1879, before kissing games took such a prominent part in our Order, East Cumberland could boast of having 21 Lodges with a total membership varying from 900 to 1,000. In 1886, with those kissing games to the front, East Cumberland has only 11 Lodges, with a membership of about 500, and deeply deplores the loss of half their Lodges and half their members. Then another instance: In 1880, a Lodge named the Good Templars' Home, in Carlisle, was commenced for the purpose of carrying on these games, and they gamed themselves out of existence in about two months; they never making a return. These are *positive facts*, which I am able to prove. I am surprised at Bro. Matthews, the father of a family, saying he would sooner see his daughters take part in these games than look in at a print shop window. Can any young woman think much of herself, who comes forward in a public audience into the centre of a room, and allows herself to be kissed by from six to 12 young men, who, in a great many cases, may be utter strangers to her. Her parents cannot have much regard for their daughter's character to permit or advocate such doings as those alluded to. I trust that now those games are prohibited our numbers will increase day by day until we can say that the whole of East Cumberland has become members of the I.O.G.T.

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G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
June 2.	—Yorks, E.	....Skipsea.
,, 14.	—Monmouth	....Abergavenny.
,, 16.	—Cumberland, W.	....Allonby.
,, 17.	—Nottingham	....East Bridgford.
,, 21.	—Stafford, S.	....Brownhills.
July 5.	—Cornwall, E.	....Gunnislake.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the Watchword.

(Signed) Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tax received from District Lodges during the week for the quarter ending with is as follows :—

1886.	£	s.	d.
May 19, Worcester	4	11	4
May 20, Somerset, Mid	3	15	2
May 20, Hunts	1	11	8
May 24, Sierra Leone	1	6	0
May 24, Lancashire, S.W.	13	8	10
May 24, Lancashire, arrears	0	2	10
May 24, Lancashire, N.	5	12	3
May 25, Kent, W....	7	5	0
May 25, Surrey, E. and M.	15	7	9
	£53	0	10

John B. Collings, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.
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MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE.

THE NEXT SESSION of this Lodge will be held at South-place Chapel, Finsbury, on Saturday, May 29, at 6 p.m. sharp.

J. H. Retallack-Moloney,
Worthy District Secretary,
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ON WINKING.

Rev. Sam Small, during the late revival services in Chicago, referred to the subject of "winking" as follows:—"A great deal is done nowadays with a wink of the eye. It means sometimes an invitation or a conspiracy; so a man who wants a drink and don't want to speak out, winks. A member of the Christian church don't want to be seen going into a bar-room by his fellow members, but he may be seen rushing into a drug store and going to the end and winking and getting whisky. So he will wink at a druggist and get a prescription that is whisky, and a little water. A man pretending to keep a drug store for that purpose is an abomination to the Lord. He should be honest, and instead of the pestle and mortar as a sign, put up 'whisky saloon.' He is a barkeeper, and agent of the devil to damn his fellow citizens. Then a father winketh his eye in teaching his child to drink! Many a father who says he was never known to be drunk in his life, has found his child a besotted drunkard in the gutters of a city. My father used to be one of these respectable drinkers, but he woke up one day and found that his son had become a drunkard in attempting to be a moderate drinker. Many a man who has prided himself that he had power to control his conduct as to liquor finds that he has been a curse to his son, and so a God-fearing father who winks at it, keeping liquor in the house, or at the office, and the precious souls of their children became debauched and damned by liquor, cannot avoid the consequences, for God will judge them at the bar on judgment day. Such winking is an abomination to God."

OBITUARY.

Bro. John T. Marshall.—It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. John T. Marshall, of Bethesda Lodge, Sheffield, who died, after a long and painful illness on Tuesday, May 11, leaving a wife and two children to mourn his loss. He has been a member of the above Lodge for a number of years, and, until prevented by illness, was a regular attender at his Lodge. The funeral took place on Saturday, May 15, at the Burngreave-road Cemetery, Sheffield, and was attended by a good number of members of the Order from various Lodges in the town. After the usual ceremony, Bro. H. R. Akers, L.D. of Rialto Lodge, read the Good Templar service in a very impressive manner, after which all present sang No. 104 in Moody and Sankey's book, entitled, "Home at Last."—S.A.

SENSATION IN CHELMSFORD.

The *Chelmsford News*, the leading paper of Essex, furnishes the following interesting facts:—

"The family of Mr. George Lester, who have resided in Marriages-square, Chelmsford, for twenty-three years, have just met with a thrilling experience. The particulars of the event are so remarkable that they have created nothing short of a downright sensation in our usually quiet town. The facts as given below have been duly verified by us and are of such general interest that they should be made public everywhere, inasmuch as there are, no doubt, thousands of families who can profit by the the intelligence thus conveyed.

"About 18 months ago the son of Mr. Lester, a youth of 17, was attacked with a peculiar and painful ailment of his ancles and muscles, which so disabled him that he was obliged to stop working at his trade, that of a baker. He was placed under the treatment of a skilful physician, and notwithstanding every attention he received no benefit, but speedily grew worse. His condition became so alarming that further medical aid was called in, but he still failed to obtain relief. The malady of the youth had now assumed such a violent form that his condition was pitiable. He had completely lost the use of his ankles and was unable to walk. It was only with the aid of crutches that he could move about at all, and even then not without experiencing the most intense pain In the language of his parents, he was completely crippled. He was then sent to one of the leading London hospitals, but there also his sufferings were not in the slightest relieved. He had now been crippled for nearly a year, and every treatment having utterly failed, he and his parents were almost in dispair. His friends, and all who knew him, believed that he would never be able to walk again.

"Having read in a Chelmsford paper of some remarkable cures wrought by a remedy recently introduced for the cure of pain, the young man was led, as a last resort, to make a trial of one bottle of the same. To use his own words, he was greatly relieved after having applied the article but once, and he was able to walk without his crutches in 10 days from the time he purchased the first bottle. After using three bottles he was, strange as it may seem, actually able to resume his work, and is now free from pain and leading his former active life. His cure seems almost miraculous to all those who are familiar with his long, agonising sufferings and his previous helpless condition, and St. Jacobs Oil, which is the remedy he used, is certainly entitled to the credit of having accomplished a wonderful cure under our very eyes.

"When a representative of this paper called on Lester in order to see for himself what this magical remedy had done for him, the young man could scarcely find words with which to express his gratitude at his recovery. He remarked that St. Jacobs Oil had transferred him from agony and misery to joy.

"Mr. James Tomlinson, the well-known dispensing chemist, of Tindal-square, from whom young Lester purchased this wonderful oil, and who is thoroughly familiar with his case, stated to our reporter that while this was a most astonishing recovery, numerous other cures, which had resulted from its use, and which had come to his notice, were almost as remarkable. In consequence of the surprising power which the remedy possesses to relieve pain and strengthen and restore the muscles and joints to their normal condition, such extraordinary demand had, Mr. Tomlison said, sprung up, that he found it difficult to keep a sufficient stock on hand. In fact, instead of getting his supplies from the wholesale houses, as is usual, he is ordering hundreds of bottles at a time, direct from the Great Britain branch of the proprietors.

"While on the subject of this medical discovery, we may mention that several cures very much like this of young Lester's, and likewise duly certified to by responsible parties, have come to our notice. Space will admit of our mentioning only one of these. It is the case of Mrs. Mary Ann Halls, of Wardley, Uppingham, whose husband has been a resident of Rutland county for over 40 years. His calling is that of a shepherd, and it is safe to say that no one is better known in all the country about Wardley than John Halls. He is universally respected as an industrious and honest man, and what he says may be relied upon. Mr. Halls writes that while he does not seek notoriety, he feels that the following facts should be made public for the benefit of others. What he states is well koown to his neighbours, among whom the almost miraculous recovery of his wife has caused no little excitement. This case is so remarkable that one lady who had heard of it came all the way from London to satisfy herself by a personal visit of the truth of the astonishing reports which had reached her. In reciting the particulars of the case, we can do no better than use Mr. Halls' own statement, made to our reporter. He says:—'For over eighteen years my wife was an intense sufferer from rheumatism. Much of the time her hands, elbows, knees, and feet were swollen to two or three times their natural size, so that she was unable to walk or dress herself. She was in fact absolutely helpless. Her joints became so stiff at times that she could not move them. During these periods she suffered the most intense agony, and in all these long years she was never entirely free from pain, either day or night. Different remedies were recommended to her, all of which she used, but got no relief. Our family doctor said there was no help for her, and that her case was incurable. She and I had given up all hope of her ever recovering her health, or being again free from pain. She had suffered so long that she had become thoroughly disheartened. Just before last Christmas we read in a newspaper an item copied from the 'London Magazine of Chemistry and Medicine,' which gave particulars of the wonderful cure by St. Jacobs Oil of Edward Evans, whose case was similar to my wife's. As we had for years tried everything we had heard of, she concluded to try this remedy also, and I sent to the Great Britain Branch of the Proprietors, the Charles A. Vogeler Co., 45, Farringdon-street, London, for a bottle of it. The Oil was first applied to her hands, which had for many years been so fearfully deformed as to be almost without shape. Before she had used the contents of one bottle, to our amazement and joy, the swelling disappeared, and her crippled hands once more assumed their natural shape. Encouraged, as well look astonished at what I say, but I am relating facts to you,' remarked Mr. Halls. 'She then applied the remedy to the joints of her limbs and feet, and, marvellous as it may seem, the swelling and pain, which had withstood all treatment, began to disappear, and before the contents of this one bottle had been used the swelling, stiffness, and pain with which she had been afflicted for nearly twenty years, vanished as if by magic. She recovered the full use of her limbs, hands, and feet. She can walk as well as ever she could in her life. She now attends to her household duties regularly, and sleeps soundly at night, while for years and years she had not known what it was to have a good night's rest. She is entirely free from pain, and is completely cured, and all this was brought about by a single bottle of St. Jacobs Oil. I tell you frankly that I believe this remedy has no equal in the world. It has brought comfort and happiness to my home, and I advise everyone suffering from pain to try it. The 2s. 9d. I spent for a bottle was the best investment I ever made in my life.' Mrs. Halls personally confirmed every thing that her husband had said, and could scarcely say enough in praise of this remarkable agency of healing which had rescued her from her sufferings.

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MONDAY.

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City of London. 181, Aldersgate-street, City.
Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
Orange Branch Conq. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
Vernon. 176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert. Road of Brotherhood. 52, Benson-st., New Cross, S.E.
Gen. C. Gordon. Baptist Chapel, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. 8.15.
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co.Ts., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
W. Tewsley Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

WEDNESDAY

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Herringay. Fairey Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
Joseph Payne. Christ Church Sch., Charlton-st., Somers Town
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Prudential. The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (or Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rest Hall, Long-lane, Bermondsey, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Penge Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road Schools, Clapham-road.
Heart's Content. 63, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
Hope of Streatham. Iron School-room, Natal-road, Streatham.
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Excelsior Hall, Kingsland-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Prim. Meth. School, Grayshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street. Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road.
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
William Linsley. Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, Bond-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Limehouse.
Finsbury Progress. 163, Blackstock-rd., Highbury Vale.
Greenwood.—Central hall, George-st., Greenwich, Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorneloe. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Percy Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. Public School Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine. Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richboro' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge. G.C. Miss. Hall, Mercia-st. 8.15.
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GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Payne. Warwick-st. Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. Prim. Meth. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.)—Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friendly Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octavon. Temperance Hall, Fredsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook. National School-room.
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NORBITON.—Hope of Norbiton, Prim. Meth. Ch., Victoria-road.
SCOTLAND.—Nil Desperandum. British schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlow Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30

RAMSGATE.—Song Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Hand in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edecumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
ST. NEOTS.—Star of St. Neots. Wesleyan Day School.

FRIDAY

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope Union Ch. Schl.-rm., Abingdon-st.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Bread-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome. Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—Royal K. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-street, All Saints. 7.45.
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
BIRMINGHAM.—Nil Desperandum. Richardson Schl.-rm., Farm-st.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
LEEDS.—St. George's Rosebud, Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Cavendish-road.
MANCHESTER.—Conciliz et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chapel School-room, Ebrington-street.
PONTYWAIN (Mon.).—Esmond. Trinity School-room.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall. Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's, Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle delas Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Calle Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Eliza-street), Carlton. Monday.

AUSTRALIA (SOUTH).

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R.W.G. Templar, Cross, 77, Calle delas Piedras Tues.

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MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Aden, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
RAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort, Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Feasting Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
EGYPT.—Lotus. N.W. Block, Kasr-el-Nil Barracks.
H.M.S. SCORPION.—Star of the World.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison. Cairo Restaurant. Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
RICHMOND (Yks.).—Howard's Green, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHEILAH (Assouan.)—Castle of Gibraltar. 1st. Batt. Dorset Regt.
SHOEBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, High-street. Monday.
MALTA.—Shropshire Guiding Star s., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Hopewell Rooms, 13, Infant School Mon. 7.
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DEATH.

PROUD.—At Bury, Lancashire, on May 25, Lilian Mary, daughter of Bro. and Sister T. Proud, aged 11 months.

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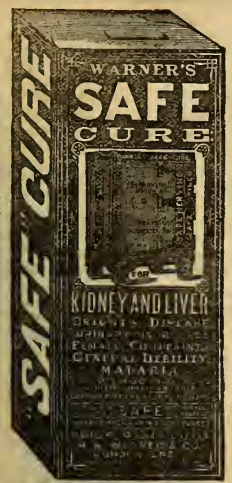

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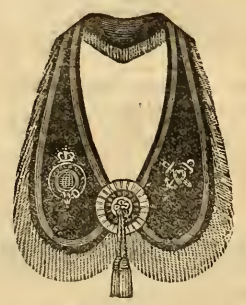

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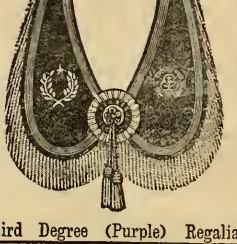

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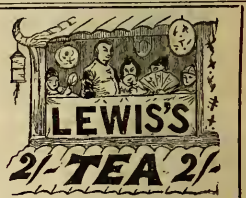

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THE CURSE, THE CAUSE, AND THE CURE.*

By James Guthrie, Esq., J.P., Brechin.

"A verse may find him who a sermon flies."—Herbert.

People do not like a minister to have two faces, but they don't object to his having three "heads." If he has more than three heads he may find a difficulty in getting ears for them in the congregation. I might add that not only do Scotch ministers have three heads and preach three-quarters of an hour, but under each head they have three particulars. To stick, then, to the rule of three, my subject is Drunkenness, and the three heads are—1st, The Curse; 2nd, The Cause; 3rd, The Cure.

THE CURSE OF DRUNKENNESS.

My first head being

THE CURSE OF DRUNKENNESS

my three particulars are as follows:—Drunkenness is a *habit*, a *sin*, and a *disease*. Notice both a sin and a disease, and the sin causes the disease. Where the habit ends and the sin begins, I shall not pretend to say. "I speak as unto wise men, judge ye." Also where the sin ends and the disease begins, I am unable to tell. This much I may premise: the Habit of drinking is under our own control: the Sin is a subject for the minister to deal with; and for the Disease, we call in the doctor. This habit is not a riding-habit, but an over-riding habit—a habit that brings many a man and many a woman to their last shift. Our strength and standpoint is this: If we never learn the habit, we shall never suffer from the sin, nor be killed off by the disease.

People say that the curse of strong drink lies in the abuse—they "like to see a man that can either take it or want it." (These are the people who are always either taking drink or *wanting* it!) My answer is—What is the abuse, but a continuance of the use? The evil lies in the use, because if there were no use there could be no abuse; if there were no moderate drinkers there would be no inebriates; if there were no drinking, there never could be any drunkenness.

I do not enlarge on the fact that the annual expenditure on alcoholic drink is nearly £4 per head for each of the population, nor dwell on the 120,000 deaths in our country yearly caused by drinking. The mere figures shew curse enough; men spending their money for that which is not bread; slow suicides digging their own graves—graves over which no lover or friend will ever shed a tear. Think it over: out of every six moderate drinkers, one certainly shortens his days through drink. In your own circle are there no friends or relatives dying before their time—lights going out in darkness—suns setting while it should be yet noon-day?

If it be the case that drink does more to undo the blessings of the Gospel than all the other causes of sin and immorality put together, then it becomes Christian men to "look not on the wine" but with horror and dread. It behoves us all no longer to gloss over, and cover up, and make a joke of, the iniquity of drunkenness; only "fools make a mock at sin." If drink is the cause of one-half the disease and insanity, one-half the poverty and crime which our doctors and magistrates ascribe to it, there is a call upon every philanthropist to discountenance it by every means in his power. If drinking is what keeps men from joining the church, and causes most of the fallings and failings within the church, it looks like the duty of every Christian man to hate it with a perfect hatred, and to put away from him altogether the evil and abominable thing.

"REAL FAIN IN THE MORNING."

"CHAMPAGNE AT NIGHT."

I speak for myself. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." To me, there is but one way of doing my duty in this matter, though I allow there are many ways of avoiding it. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Just as surely is it true, that to a man who knows alcohol to be to him an evil spirit, "to him it is sin" to touch, taste, or handle it. Drink is not only the very devil's way into some men, but many men's way into very devils. Take it literally, "wine, *wherein* is excess," and you won't take it at all. Bad men excuse their faults, good men forsake them.

THE CAUSE OF DRUNKENNESS.

Scotland is the most religious country under the sun, and one of the most drunken. What is the cause? Therein we differ. "Many men, many minds." You say the cause of drunkenness is custom. So it is. Drinking is an old custom—as old as Noah, or even as Ann Tiquity—in fact its age is the only thing it has to recommend it. At births, baptisms, and burials we have gone on drinking each other's healths till we have nearly drunk away our own. But if a custom is bad in itself, the being as old as sin won't make it any better. They drink who never drank before, and they who drank before now drink the more. One man drinks because he is happy, he is fond of company, and likes a social glass; another drinks because he is miserable, he prefers to drink alone, and keeps his spirits up (he says) by taking spirits down. So universal is the custom, that a man is considered very abstemious who is able to say he only takes whisky on two occasions—the one is when he has salmon to dinner, the other, when he has not!

The Americans say we have no climate in this country, we have only "samples." But many people insist that the cause of so much drinking in Scotland is the climate. Well, the climate may be bad enough, but I don't see how drinking to it will make it any better. Men drink because they're dry, or else they will be by-and-bye, or then some other reason why. Any reason is good enough—the dry-rot, for instance. To me, what climate we have appears so moist as never, no never—well, hardly ever—to be an excuse for anybody being dry. Some drink because they're hot, and some because they're cold, some because they're young, and some because they're old.

An Irishman remarked about Scotchmen in Ceylon: "They never were at home but when they were abroad; and he said that when they came out to Ceylon they ate and they drank, and they drank and they drank, and then they died, and after that they had the audacity to write home and blame the climate! The truth is, every man can do without his glass, except perhaps the glazier. Alcoholic drink is not necessary—either under the burning sun of the tropics, or amid the appalling cold of an Arctic winter. It is not necessary, either for Bengal in India, or for Benjamin Gall at the North Pole.

Most people drink because they are thirsty. That is a very good reason; and every animal has the same reason for drinking. Let us stick to it. A donkey eats thistles because he is an ass; but he is sensible in his drinking. If a man would drink like a beast he would only drink water, and never drink more than was good for him. A toper says he drinks to cure thirst. I say he does not. His kind of drink never cured thirst, it creates it. If any young man thinks his glass of beer cures his thirst, let me tell him it is not the beer that cures his thirst, but only the water that is in it. If a glass of grog seems to quench your thirst, it is not the whisky that does it, but simply the water with which it is mixed.

Alcoholic drink is a queer thing. A man takes it down, and it goes up; it slackens his tongue, and it loosens his legs. It weakens his understanding above and his understanding below. I call it a regular foot-and-mouth disease. Drink creates a demand rather than supplies one. As the

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Paisley weaver put it:—"Yae gless is plenty, twa's owet mony, three's no half eneuch." This artificial craving for alcohol makes a man seem to be actually living on the very thing which is killing him. A man with this crave in him is on a dangerous descent, like the lubricated way down which a ship is launched into the deep—once a momentum has been acquired, the course can hardly be arrested. The craving is insatiable; and the curious thing about it is, that the more the diseased desire is gratified the less is it satisfied. Every publican knows that his hardest, heaviest drinkers are always his driest, drouthiest customers. The more beer a man drinks at night, the drier he is in the morning; the more ale at night, the more ailing in the morning; the more champagne at night, the more real-pain in the morning.

To prove the value of a thing, you must shew the good that it doth bring. What is whisky good for? "Cleaning silver," I am told. I might add, "Yes, especially cleaning silver out of a working man's pocket!" Though alcohol were sold by an angel it would still produce evil, and only evil continually. It is good for killing men while they are alive, and keeping them when they are dead. If it is useful, it is only for outward application, as when the good Samaritan poored in the oil and the wine (into the wounds, not into the mouth); or when a coachman applies whisky to his horses' knees; or when Weston, the champion walker, hardens the soles of his feet with it. That is the only form in which Weston uses alcohol,—a very good footing for drink—the *sole* use; for if other men would only keep the whisky under their feet it would never trip them. Then it would not be (as the nigger puts it) "de sin dat does mos' easily upset us."

Why then do people drink? The reason is one, though the excuses are many. Our friends take drink simply because they like it. And why do they like it? Because of the alcohol that is in it. And why do they like the alcohol? Because of its intoxicating quality. Take the intoxicating property out of a glass of bitter beer, and oh! how bitter it is; nobody wants to drink it now. If you take the head and the headiness from a bottle of champagne, nobody would pay 8s. a bottle for *The Sham*. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

THE CURE FOR DRUNKENNESS.

The cure is simple, sensible, and sure. The cure of sin is the Gospel, and the cure of drunkenness is total abstinence. As the Quaker said to his son, "John, thou canst give up drinking as easy as thee can open thy hand." "How?" said John. "Why, when thou raisest thy glass to thy lips, just open thy hand and thou wilt never get drunk." As Herbert remarks, "It is most just to throw that on the ground which else would throw me there." I draw the line at drink. The Paisley weaver drew the line at the back of one glass, we draw the line in front of one drop.

"Wine is a mocker." The only way to be sure it will not make a fool of you is never to taste it—never to let that into your mouth which Shakespeare says will steal away your brains. If it is a small sacrifice to give up drink, do it—at this glad New Year—for the sake of others; if it is a great sacrifice to give up drink, do it for your own sake. My friend, it is better to sacrifice something, than be sacrificed yourself.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Think of the children. Beware lest your habits and indulgences are repeated in your families. If you sow the seeds, you shall reap the weeds. "Our acts our angels are, or good or ill, our fatal shadows that walk by us still." There is a worm that will turn: the worm of the corkscrew. Many a reformed man has lived to see his early vices looking back at him out of the faces of his sons.

"Thou shalt not" is the key-note of every commandment. While moderation is allowed in things good and lawful, total abstinence is required in things evil and hurtful. If the thing is bad, there can be no proper moderation in it. The words, "Let your moderation be known unto all men," never had any reference to drink; but we must put in the stop to prevent barrel organs in the church playing longer on that text; for, let me tell you, no such verse has any place in the revised edition of the New Testament.

Drunkenness is incurable—absolutely incurable—so long as there is drinking. This is true, alike of the individual and of society. We must work towards Local Option in the community; so that, by reducing and removing licences, we may check the abounding licentiousness. Meantime, we can individually exercise our Local Option. In this matter, every man can be a law unto himself; and so, if we cannot shut the public-houses, we can each shut our own mouths. We can shut our mouths against drink, and open them in favour of total abstinence. So shall we have a rainy season of Temperance, and an early spring time when many new leaves shall be turned over, and many new lives begun.

"Be wise to-day"—every moderate drinker could be a total abstainer if he would. "'Tis madness to defer"—every inebriate would be a total abstainer if he could. You, if you would. He, if he could. Remember this: Drink is no respecter of persons; there is hardly a family in the land without the drink brand upon it; and every man—from the highest to the lowest—who has been lost through strong drink, became a drunkard in trying to be a moderate drinker.

New Year is the time for pledging. There are pledges of love and pledges of liquor. Some take both. Many a man dies of love—of wine. For myself, I take nothing more strengthening than sleep. But all do not think lemonade sufficient aid. And, if you feel inclined to take anything—if you feel you must take something, my parting advice to you is take THE PLEDGE.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGE SESSION AT PENZANCE.

Bro. T. James, W.D.S., writes as follows:—"Permit me to call the attention of the members of the Order to the fact that a special session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Penzance on July 2. This will be the first time in the history of Good Templary that such a session has been held in Cornwall, and the District Executive are most anxious that it shall be a success. It is, perhaps, superfluous to say that the Cornish are proverbial for their heartiness, and it will be the highest aim of those of us who are situated in this corner of the country to accord to our visitors a kindly welcome. The neighbourhood has many charms, being within touch of those extremities of our island, the Lizard and Land's End. Penzance lies on the shores of Mount's Bay, which equals any bay in the kingdom, and travellers say, rivals in magnificence the famous Bay of Naples. One of its special features is its St. Michael's Mount, a grand old pile which towers 250 feet above the sea level; and at the top of which is a very ancient castle. The villages which dot the shores are occupied by hardy fishers, famous for their sobriety, and these toilers as they nightly put to sea in their trim craft make a busy and a pretty scene. In Penzance accommodation is to be found to suit all classes, and of a summer's evening the beautiful promenade which skirts the water's edge may be seen crowded with folk who drink in the beauty of the scene. Forty miles away are the Scilly Islands, which may be reached any day at this season of the year by fast and comfortable steamboats. The Executive are hopeful of having a deputation of five Grand Lodge officers with them on this occasion, and trust a fresh impetus may be given to the Order in this locality. We cordially invite all who can to be present with us.

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Young Determination	0	2	6
Advance Guard	0	16	0
Promise of Sherstone	0	10	0
Hope of Leighton	0	6	3
FROM SCOTCH LODGES.			
Silver Bell Juvenile	0	10	3
Buchan	1	1	6
Sir William Wallace	0	6	6
St. Magnus	0	5	0
Southesk	0	7	0
Camperdown	0	4	0
Wishaw	0	17	3
Star of Faith	0	3	9
Deveroncide	0	10	0
Britannia	0	14	3
FROM WELSH LODGES.			
Athran	0	16	0
Crickhowell	0	15	0
Gobaith Elli	0	10	3
Coron Glanymor	1	11	9
PERSONAL.			
Bro. and Sister Hemsley	0	2	6
C. Mitchell	0	10	6
Mr. Thorne	0	5	0
Mr. C. Button (per Sister Browne, Bedford Lodge)	0	10	0
T. McKenzie	0	2	6
Mrs. Thresher	1	1	0
A. Barber	0	10	6
COLLECTIONS BY CARD OR BOX.			
J. P. Lemmon	0	1	10
Miss Grace McLeod	0	11	0
J. Fraser	0	10	0
Mrs. Rae	0	10	3
Miss Emery	0	13	0½
Box at Orphanage	3	3	8
Mrs. H. Clark	0	6	0
Edith Hadfield	0	4	0

Further assistance is greatly needed. P.O.O. to be made payable at Camberwell New-road.

S. R. ROLFE, Hon. Sec.

45, Paulet-road, Camberwell, S.E.

MUTUAL PROVIDENT ALLIANCE.—The annual meeting of this well-known and established Friendly Society was held on Thursday evening May 27, Mr. Edward S. Pryce in the chair, at the offices, No. 2, Albion-place, Blackfriars, S.E. The accounts for the year were presented, and a careful examination of the position and prospects of the society took place in anticipation of the forthcoming quinquennial valuation to be made in the course of a few months by Mr. Hardy, the eminent actuary. Mr. Gerald Baldwin Brown, having become a permanent resident at Edinburgh, was compelled to resign his trusteeship, and on the motion of James Clarke, Esq. (of the *Christian World*), a former director of the society, the Rev. John Bickford Heard, M.A., of Caterham Valley, was elected a trustee. Many suggestions were made by the members present for improving the society's organisation and extending its benefits. The society has about 14,000 members and a capital fund of £65,926. The chairman moved the adoption of the annual report, which was seconded by Bro. John Kempster, supported by Mr. Howard Evans, and other gentlemen, and unanimously adopted.

DISTRICT LODGES.

*** It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

North Durham.—Primitive Methodist Chapel, Ryhope Colliery. May 29. In the absence of the D.C.T. the D.Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by Bro. A. Wardropper, P.D.C.T., there was a very good attendance of representatives, members, and visitors. Amongst the visitors were Bro. J. J. Woods, P.G.W.Sec., and D.C.T. for South Durham (who presided during the session), Bro. William Ayton, W.D.Sec. South Durham; Bro. A. Robinson, D.C.T., Bro. B. Harrison, W.D.M., and Sister M. J. Brown, P.D.M. Northumberland. The report of the D.C.T. regretted that owing to unfavourable weather he had been unable to visit many Lodges, save those close to home, but he hoped that during the fine weather he would be able to pay a greater number of visits. Bro. J. A. Harrison, D.S.J.T., reported a membership of 2,353 Juveniles; two old Temples reopened during quarter: several visits had been paid to Temples in the District, and strongly appealed for workers to assist him in carrying out the work of this important branch. Bro. W. H. Richardson, W.D.Sec., reported 2,163 members in good standing, being a slight decrease on the quarter, but an increase of 259 upon the number reported for the corresponding quarter of last year. Bro. Richardson also reported, as District Missionary, having visited 12 Lodges during the quarter, attended and took part in nine public meetings in various parts of the District, besides devoting a considerable portion of time to the visitation of absent members, the results from these visits being productive of much good. The report of the W.D.T., Bro. Chepchase, shewed the District to be in a better financial position than it was last quarter. Resolutions were passed in favour of Mr. Conybeare's Bill, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks to children, and regretting the action of the House of Lords with regard to the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. A motion was also passed requesting the District to appoint a Political Action Committee for the District, after motion was also passed, re the appointment of a committee for reporting to the Press. The August quarterly session was arranged to be held at Rainton, near Durham. The whole of the motions on the digest having been dealt with, Bros. J. J. Woods and A. Robinson, who had to retire before closing, in a few well chosen remarks briefly addressed the Lodge. Votes of thanks having been accorded to the visitors for their presence, the Lodge was duly closed by Bro. F. J. Garthwaite, D.C.T. During the afternoon, a stall for the sale of work, consisting of goods left over from the sale of work held in February last in aid of the D. L. Funds, was held in the Christian Lay Church, under the superintendence of Sisters Dodd, P.W.T., and Horseman, of Sunderland. A public meeting was held in the evening. Bro. Garthwaite presided. Bro. Rev. T. W. P. Taylder, P.D.Co., delivered an able and earnest address, strongly urging the claims of the Order upon all classes of society.

Berks.—Foresters' Hall, Reading. May 20. The D.C.T., Bro. A. Moyse (Maidenhead), presided. The reports of the various officers shewed the District to be in a healthy state, numerically and financially. The W.D.S., Bro. Lees, reported a membership of 205 sisters, 382 brothers, with 17 from Wokingham; grand total, 604. It was added that four deaths had occurred during the quarter. The reports by the Visiting Deputies and representatives were satisfactory. At 1 o'clock the delegates and officers adjourned for luncheon, and on the resumption of business, an hour later, Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., and the D.C.T. of the Naval District (Bro. Rae, sen.), were introduced to the Lodge, and the G.W.C.T. presided. The D.E.S. (Bro. Rainbow) reported that he had written to the five borough and county M.P.'s, asking them to support Sunday Closing, the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, and the Bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to children, but that he regretted to find that they had opposed those measures. He added that Mr. Murdoch, the member for Reading, who had been, or was, the president of the Wokingham Branch of the C.E.T.S., had gone so far as to speak against the last-named measure, and he said he trusted that the members of the Lodges would remember these facts at the next General Election. It was resolved to send a petition to Parliament in favour of Mr. Conybeare's Bill, and also to thank that gentleman for his services in respect of the Bill. The D.S.J.T. (Bro. Trowbridge) having resigned his office, Bro. Harbud (Abingdon) was chosen to fill the vacancy. The Treasurer's (Bro. Hobbs) report shewed an income of £10 18s. 11½d., and an expenditure of £7 7s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £3 11s. 5½d. The District Guide Committee gave their report, and they received the congratulations of the G.W.C.T. on the neatness of their Guide and on the common-sense programmes contained in it. It was resolved to hold the next District meeting at Abingdon. Shortly before the close of the session, two distinguished visitors were introduced, Bro. W. Winton, G. W. Chaplain, and Bro. Lieut. Wawrinski, G.W.Counsellor of Sweden, who were received with honours, and briefly addressed the members. A public meeting was held at the Foresters' Hall in the evening, and there was an attendance of about 350. The Rev. J. Oates presided. Mr. Thos. Waite, with his Gospel Temperance Choir, rendered some very choice selections of music during the intervals. At one end of the hall there was a fancy goods stall, the proceeds of which (31s.) were devoted to the funds of Mr. Bramley's mission, whilst on either side of the platform were Good Templar banners. There was a choice collection of plants and shrubs along the front of the platform. The members of the Order wore regalia. The Chairman, and Bros. Malins, Winton, Wawrinski, and others gave addresses.

East Kent.—Town Hall, Folkestone, May 19. All the officers were present save the D.Sent. absent on duty. The Lodge was called to order at 11 a.m. by Bro. S. C. Weston, D.C.T. The G.W.C.T. was announced shortly after opening, and received with honours, and presided throughout the day. The Town Hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion of the session, and every attention given by the reception committee to the convenience of the visitors. Dinner was provided in the Congregational school-rooms, to which about 150 sat down. Tea was provided in the same place for nearly 300 members, and who, largely augmented by the members of the two Juvenile Temples, marched from and to the Town Hall in procession, with two bands, and made an excellent turn out. The Credential Committee reported the attendance of 51 officers and Reps.; that 26 members had taken up D.L. membership, and the Third Degree was conferred on three candidates; there were also passed during the day about 70 other members, the Lodge working in the Third Degree all day. The officers' reports were of an extremely satisfactory nature, and looking to the time of the year District may be congratulated on a very profitable quarter. The D.C.T. reported the feeling in the District to be generally harmonious; that three new Lodges had been instituted (having now a combined membership of 118), and the restarting of another Lodge during the quarter. He also drew attention to two or three of the weak Lodges, and to the unsatisfactory condition of the Order in the large towns of Ashford and Canterbury. The W.D.Secretary stated that there were now 38 Lodges in the District, all of which had rendered returns, and paid tax, shewing a membership of 2,423, being an increase of 92 during the quarter. The D.Treasurer reported the receipt of £19 19s. 2d. tax, and £1 19s. 2½. for Home Mission Fund, and that after all liabilities were paid there would be a balance of £6 19s. in favour of District Lodge. The D.S.J.T. reported an increase of 33 members in his department, and that the Juvenile Order throughout the District was in a healthy condition. The D.E. Supt. submitted a report on the revision of the electoral work in the District, and after considerable discussion a Political Action Committee was formed, viz., Bros. Champion, Pilcheor, Goodwin, Denne, Angear, and Fagg, each to superintend the electoral work in his own division or area. Bros. Weston, Phillips, and Denne were nominated a committee to inquire into the condition of the Order in Ashford and Canterbury, and report plans for improvement. Margate was chosen for the next place of meeting. The members of Excelsior and Cæsar's camp Juvenile Temples were introduced to the District Lodge, sang and recited several pieces, and presented flowers and fruit to the G.W.C.T. and other visitors. One pound was voted to each of the five representatives to Grand Lodge, Bro. Winton, D.C.T. of Middlesex, and G.W.Ch.; Bro. Bowen, D.C.T. West Kent; Bro. Graham, D.C.T., Mid Kent; Bro. Rae, D.C.T. Naval District; Bro. Skinner, P.G.M., attended the session, and were received with honours.—On the evening previous a United Lodge Session of the Lodges in Folkestone was held in the Town Hall, presided over by the G.W.C.T., and was a very pleasant feature of the arrangements for the D.L. Session. A public meeting was held in the Town Hall in the evening, when addresses were given by Bro. Malins and other distinguished visitors to a crowded attendance.

Northampton, S.—Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Willingborough-road. May 18. Bro. W. Abbott, D.C.T., presided over a good attendance of representatives and other members. Bro. W. Blake, W.D.S., reported that the past quarter had been a successful one, both as to numbers and work done. The membership now totalled 527, as against 508 at the close of the previous quarter, or an increase of 19. The report recorded with pleasure the great success of the Special Session of Grand Lodge, held in Northampton in March last, and in conclusion Bro. Blake pointed out spheres in which useful work could be done, but regretted that as he would be soon leaving the country he would not be able to take part therein. Wherever he found a Templar Lodge, however, there would he consider that there was work for him to do. The report of Bro. J. West, D.S.J.T., was also of a favourable character, and shewed another increase in membership. Bro. West noticed with pleasure that an improvement was visible now in the condition of the Star of Freedom Temple, and said the members had every cause for thankfulness in the success which had attended their efforts during the past quarter. Bro. West, who for the past ten years has worthily filled the post of D.S.J.T. was presented with a luxurious easy chair and a handsomely framed address, expressive of the high place he had in the affections of all of them. Sister Mrs. Baker, who has been long connected with juvenile work, handed the articles to Bro. West and her appropriate remarks were added to by Bro. W. Abbott, D.C.T., Bro. J. Ward, P.D.C.T., Bro. C. Purvis, P.D.C.T., Bro. B. Collyer, D.T., Sister Muir, D.C., &c. Bro. West replied in a few suitable words expressive of his devotion to the Temple cause. Bro. G. Hobbs, D.E.D., reported taking action with reference to a canvass of the town on the subject of Sunday Closing, and the canvass would take place as soon as possible. Bro. J. Ward, who holds the almost sinecure position of District Relieving Officer, stated that no calls had been made on him during the quarter. Bro. B. Collyer, D.T., reported a balance in hand of £6 17s. 8d.; and Bro. Ward, on behalf of the Finance Committee, said that the accounts were accurately kept. Bro. Ward also presented the special session of Grand Lodge financial accounts, the totals being as follows:—Income, £20 14s. 9d.; expenditure, £18 13s. 7½d.; balance in hand, £2 1s. 1½d. The D.C.T., in his report, congratulated the Lodge on the Order having been again planted in Kingsthorpe, and spoke of the internal condition of the Lodges as generally satisfactory. All the above statements were adopted. Bro. Collyer and the D.C.T. reported on the Annual Grand Lodge Session at Newport in Easter week. The report was adopted, after several brothers had strongly animadverted on the manner in which the Grand Lodge treated several subjects. After an adjournment for refreshments, the Second and Third Degrees were conferred on several members. The temporary appointment of Bro. Rev. J. J. Cooper and Bro. B. Collyer as directors of the Temperance Hall Company, was unanimously approved, and it was stated that shares of the value of £180 stood to the credit of the District. The report of the Executive shewed that they had met 15 times during the past year. Bro. Blake resigned the District Secretaryship for the reason given above, and Sister Rainbow also resigned her office of D.V.T., owing to other conflicting duties. Both resignations were accepted with regret, and the vacancies will be filled up at a special session of District Lodge, and the Executive was instructed to present Bro. Blake with some token, which he could take with him over the seas, and which would serve to remind him of his work in connection with the South Northamptonshire Templars. Other business was relegated to the Executive and an early special session of District Lodge, and the meeting closed with the usual ceremony soon after 10.

Lancashire, S.W.—Wesleyan School, Earlestown, Newton-le-Willow. May 29. The D.L. was opened a due form at 2.45 p.m. by the D.C.T., Bro. J. W. Hall, all the officers present except P.D.C.T. and D.D.M. Sixty-five Reps. present, and 35 D.L. members and visitors, including Bro. J. G. Solton, D.C.T. S.E. Lancashire, and Bro. W. Parnauntt, P.W.D.Co. Middlesex. After the opening ceremonies it was decided to work in Sub Degree. The report of the D.C.T. referred to the more efficient working of the District, urging greater efforts to reach the outlying masses. Bro. Morris Jones, W.D.Sec., reported an increase of one Lodge, instituted by Bro. Kirkus, P.W.D.S., with 29 members; every Lodge (65) in the District had reported, and although we have a decrease of 99 in the quarter, many Lodges indicate signs of prosperity, and doubtless next quarter will shew a decided increase. Bro. J. J. Wright, W.D.Treas., shewed a balance due to the D.L. of 9s. 7d. The D.E.S., Bro. J. Pickersgill, read a most interesting report, giving a vigorous onslaught on the House of Lords, in the action relative to the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. The D.S.J.T., Bro. R. Ander, reported a decrease of 10 members in his department, but this loss was covered by 10 being transferred to the adult Lodges. The Executive's report indicated activity on their behalf for the Good of the Order, they having attended (as deputations, speakers, essayists, and visitors) an aggregate number of meetings reaching 168 for the quarter. They recommend earnest efforts for the success of the special G.L. Session to be held at the "Shipperies" Exhibition, Liverpool, on August 28; also arrangements for a monster united meeting under the presidency of the G.L. Executive the day previous. All the reports were unanimously adopted. Considerable discussion took place in reference to mission work, and preliminary measures were adopted to carry out special work during the summer months by open air meetings, the distribution of Temperance tracts, and other needful efforts. It was decided to hold next session at Hindley, near Wigan. The business session closed at 6.15, and after enjoying tea, the whole of the members processioned the town clothed in regalia, headed by a splendid brass band. This was followed by a public meeting, under the presidency of the Rev. F. N. Shimmin. Able addresses were delivered by Sister A. M. Green, P.S.J.T. and Bro. J. B. Collings, G.W.S. An adult and juvenile choir under the leadership of Bro. G. Clarke, W.D.Co., assisted in

no small way to make a successful meeting. The usual thanks terminated a very profitable session.

East and Mid-Cheshire.—New Town Night School, Altrincham. May 24. Lodge opened by Bro. Yates, D.C.T., at 2.20 p.m., all the officers being present except the W.D.M. and W.D.D.M. The D.C.T.'s report contained a *résumé* of his labours during the quarter; and in calling attention to the large decrease of membership he advocated more earnestness on the part of Lodges as an element of success rather than a revision of the rites, customs, and usages of the Order. The W.D.Sec.'s report shewed a membership of 564, being a decrease of 59 during the quarter; likewise a considerable falling off in the Home Mission fund. At this point the arrival of Bro. Malins, G.W.C.T., was announced, accompanied by Bro. Edwards, G.W.Coun., and other distinguished visitors from S.E. Lancashire, who were received with honours. On assuming the chair, Bro. Malins thanked the Lodge for the kind reception he had received, and, in a brief address, urged the necessity for more work and enterprise in the District. The report of D.Treas. shewed an adverse balance, which gave rise to an animated discussion on the payment of V.D.'s expenses out of the D.L. funds. The G.W.C.T. pronounced such payment to be illegal. The report of the D.S.J.T. shewed a slight increase on the quarter, and was adopted. An interesting report was given by the D.E.S., a bye-election having taken place in the Altrincham Division since last D.L. session, in which our Order's claims had been brought before the notice of the respective candidates. On the adoption of the report the G.W.C.T. suggested that the D.E.S. move that a petition be sent by the Executive to the House of Commons in favour of Mr. Conybeare's bill now before Parliament, praying for the passing of that measure, and to increase rather than minimise its provisions to protect young children. The motion was carried unanimously. Sister Mrs. Eccles, P.D.V.T., was then introduced received with honours, and invited by the G.W.C.T. to a seat on the platform. The Executive Council's report was read and adopted. Attention was called to the offer of Bro. Redfern, P.D.C.T., of £2 10s. towards the reduction of the D.L. debt, providing an equal amount be forthcoming from some other source. The offer was accepted, with the following result, that donations and guarantees were given amounting to £7 12s. 4d.; several of the visitors from S.E. Lancashire contributing handsomely to the fund. This, added to Bro. Redfern's donation, wipes off the debt, and leaves a small balance in hand. The G.L. representatives report was read by Bro. Ellison, W.D.Co., who received a unanimous vote of thanks. In acceptance of invitation, Latchford was appointed as next place of meeting. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the G.W.C.T. and the visitors from S.E. Lancashire for their generous support and presence, which was responded to by Bro. Malins in his usual effective manner, and the Lodge closed in due form. After tea a public meeting was held; Alfred Simpson, Esq., of Bowdon, presiding, when a large audience assembled to listen to the interesting and encouraging address of Bro. Malins on "Temperance Experience in Many Lands," after which Sister Mrs. Eccles, P.D.V.T., addressed the meeting in a most earnest and graceful manner. Bro. Edwards, G.W.C., and Bro. Yates, D.C.T., also spoke. The usual votes of thanks closed an enjoyable day's proceedings.

South Durham.—Miners' Hall, Butterknowle (near Barnard Castle). May 25. Session opened at 10.5 a.m. by Bro. J. Mossley, W.D.Co. (in the absence of Bro. Jas. J. Woods, D.C.T., who wrote regretting that business in connection with the Hartlepool Town Council prevented his attendance, and mentioned the fact that four years ago this session of the D.L. took the initiative steps in the matter of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, which on that day came before the House of Lords for the third reading). Letters of apology were also read from Bro. T. W. Smyth, D.S.J.T.; Sister H. S. Wood, W.V.D.T., and Bro. J. Winpenny, Bro. W. Ayton, W.D.Sec., submitted the report of the Executive Council, which stated that the adult membership was 2,666 in 54 Lodges (an increase of five), and Juvenile Templars 3,200 (increase of 102). Two new Lodges were instituted, and one re-opened during the quarter. The whole of the Lodges in the District had been divided amongst the Executive officers for special visitation, if possible once a quarter, in addition to the usual visits of the V.D.'s. Bro. J. Wrathall (Home Mission Agent) had held successful meetings at several places in the District, including a week's mission in connection with the Howden-le-Wear Lodge. Some discussion took place on the support given to the Home Mission Fund, and the following resolution moved by Bro. C. J. Seaman, W.D.Tr., and seconded by Bro. S. T. Parker, was carried unanimously: "That this D.L. expresses its regret that the subscriptions to the National Home Mission Fund have so considerably fallen off, and hereby pledges itself to try and awaken in the Sub-Lodges the enthusiasm that this most vital part of our work demands." Bro. W. Dodgson, D.E.S., on behalf of the Reps. to Grand Lodge presented a most interesting report of the proceedings, which it was decided should be circulated amongst those Lodges desiring it. At the afternoon sitting short and pithy addresses were delivered by Bros. Rev. D. Kerr, H.D.; Rev. Dr. R. E. Hoeppell, H.D. (rector of Byers Green); G. Tomlinson, P.W.D.Co. (secretary of the North of England Temperance League); W. Dodgson, D.E.S.; C. J. Seaman, W.D.Tr.; H. Weatherall, W.D.M., and others. Final report of Credential Committee shewed that 38 Reps., three S.J.T.'s, six D.L. officers, and 59 registered members, a total of 106 (including 27 new members, on 18 of whom the Third Degree had been conferred) had attended during the day. Votes of thanks were tendered to the local Reception Committee for the excellent arrangements made for the session (the hall being beautifully decorated with flowers, shields, mottoes, &c.); and to the Rev. T. Brookbent, and Messrs. J. Lloyd, S. Clark, H. J. Mein, H. Butcher, G. Young, and J. Dakers for special sermons preached on the previous Sunday. In the evening an open-air meeting took place which was taken part in by Bros. G. Tomlinson, F. Hatton, A. Scott, S. T. Parker, Rev. D. Kerr, J. Wrathall, and J. Mossley, followed by a procession in regalia to the Miners' Hall, where a crowded and enthusiastic public meeting was addressed by Bros. J. Mossley, W.D.Co., who presided; W. Dodgson, D.E.S.; S. T. Parker, L.D.; Rev. D. Kerr, H.D.; J. Wrathall, H.D. (H.M. agent); and G. Tomlinson, P.W.D.Co. The Copley Bent Independent Choir, conducted by Bro. A. Carter, rendered selections of music at intervals. Next session to be held at Tow Law in August.

South Hants.—Thorngate Memorial Hall, Gosport. May 25. The Lodge was called to order at 10.40 a.m., and all the offices were present at roll call except D.E.S., W.D.A.S., and W.D.G. The reports of the D.C.T. and W.D.Sec. shewed 40 Lodges with a membership of 1,764. The D.S.J.T. report shewed a membership of 1,555, being an increase of five for the quarter, the largest Temple being the Boscombe Blue Ribbon with 320 members. The W.D.Treas. reported the receipts from all sources for the quarter as £19 10s. 10d., leaving a slight deficiency after meeting all liabilities. The W.D.Sec. reported that the deficiency on the late mission had been nearly raised, and suggested that a collection he made in the D.Lodge in order to clear the same. This was afterwards done, resulting in £1 4s. 6d. being raised. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Holmes, D.C.T., and Bro. Cull, W.D.Sec., for their labours in regard to the same. The Credential Committee reported 31 Lodges, represented by 10 sisters, 32 brothers, and two S.J.T.'s. The G.L. Reps. gave a full and able report of the sessions, and received the thanks of the D.Lodge for their services. A vote of congratulation and good wishes was passed to Bro. Holmes, D.C.T. on his recent marriage. The matter of decrease in some of the Lodges occupied the attention of the D. Lodge, and the following motion was passed—"That this D. Lodge deeply regret the large decrease during the quarter, and resolves to consecrate with renewed earnestness their power to bring about a revival in the work, and as a means to this end request the D. Executive to arrange for a deputation either of members of the Executive or D. Lodge members to visit each Lodge in the District with a view of invigorating the membership to greater efforts; further, that the members present pledge themselves to support the Executive in their labours. Motions were also passed in favour of the Sunday Closing (Durham Bill) and Mr. Conybeare's Bill. The following distinguished visitors were received during the day: Bro. Burley, D.C.T.; Sister Campbell, of the Naval District. The Third Degree was conferred on one brother, and six members were received into D.Lodge membership. The motions on the Digest having been dealt with, the Lodge was closed at 5.40. In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Bro. Holmes, D.C.T., when stirring addresses were delivered by Bro. Williams, P.D.C.T.; Bro. Rev. J. Squires, W.D.Chap.; Bro. E. Dyer, D.S.J.T.; Bro. E. Sillence, W.D.Treasurer; Bro. Blair, P.G.W.Co.; and the Rev. Charles Tanner, &c., &c.

Northumberland. — St. James's School-room, Bath-road, Newcastle. May. The D.C.T., Bro. A. Robinson, presided. In his report the D.C.T. said that 61 public meetings had been held during the quarter ending April 30. The Hope and Hexham Lodge had largely increased its membership, and had obtained a new Templar Hall at a cost of £300. There are 42 Lodges at present working in the District, with a total membership of 2,318. The members in the Juvenile Temples number 2,140 in 27 Temples. The D.E.S. gave an admirable report on the political work of the Order, and referred to the great increase of Tempe ance power in the House of Commons; the Temperance party being, for the first time in the history of the movement, the majority in that House. It was resolved that the following resolution be adopted, and copies forwarded to Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Conybeare, and Lord Salisbury, also to the representatives of the boroughs and divisions of Northumberland:—That this Northumberland District Lodge of the I.O.G.T. regard with great satisfaction the facilities and support that have been given to the promoters of Temperance reform in the House of Commons during the present Session of Parliament, but would regard as a calamity the passing of an amendment exempting from the provisions of Mr. Conybeare's Bill to protect young children under 13 years of age—those who are sent to buy drink for their parents—and would urge all true Temperance representatives to vote down any such amendment should it be proposed; and that this District Lodge also urge upon the attention of the Government the necessity of introducing at an early date a measure to give the people direct control over the issue, transfer, and renewal of licences for the sale of intoxicating drinks. A petition was also agreed upon in support of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, and was ordered to be signed by the presiding officer, and forwarded, at once, to the Bishop of Durham for presentation to the House of Lords. The number of representatives of Lodges and visitors at this session was 70.

Middlesex.—South-place Chapel, Finsbury. May 29. Bro. W. Winton, D.C.T., presided. A letter was read from the G.W.C.T., dismissing the appeal of Bro. Insull against the decision of the Acting D.C.T. in refusing to accept an amendment offered by him at the special session on the proposed division of the District. Bro. D. Gover, D.S.J.T., presented his quarterly report, giving the following statistics: Number in good standing, November 1, 2,591; initiated during the quarter 269; reinstated, 5, making a gross total of 2,865. From this the deductions were: suspended, 206; withdrawn by card, 11; withdrawn from the Order, 50; entered Sub-Lodge, 4; expelled, 10; total deductions, 281, leaving the net membership, 2,584, being a decrease of 7. The number of honorary members in 28 Temples was 311, and on the executive of 23 Temples there were 175 members; 37 Temples were working. However much he might regret the decrease, the D.S.J.T. remarked, yet, looking at the loss the adult Order had sustained in the same period, he thanked God they had been able to hold their own in the juvenile branch. The report also referred to the contemplated institution of other Temples, and to the excellent entertainments given by the members of two Juvenile Temples in the county. The report was discussed by Bros. Ansell, Vincent, Griffiths, Hall, Sutherland, O'Brien, Grigsby, Insull, Easton, and Hilton, and Sisters Haarnack, Pryse, Browne and Floyd.—On the motion of Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., seconded by Bro. John Hilton, W.D.T., it was unanimously resolved: "That this D.L. hereby records its deep regret and indignation at the action of the House of Lords in throwing ont the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, which passed through the House of Commons by a large majority, thus compelling the county of Durham to suffer all the evils flowing from the Sunday liquor traffic, from which Scotland, the greater part of Ireland, Wales, and most of our colonies are happily free." The report of the Reps. to the G.L. was read and discussed and unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded to the compiler, and to Bro. E. Hall for the manner in which he had read the report. The D.C.T. referred to the numerous messages of congratulation he had received from various quarters on his election as G.W.Ch., heartily thanking those from whom they came. A telegram of fraternal greeting was received from the South-West Lancashire D.L., and W.D. Sec. instructed to forward a suitable reply. Bros. Lieut. Wawrinsky, G.W.Co. of G.L. of Sweden; Brand, P.G.A.S. of the G.L. of New Zealand, and Mitchell of Harmony Lodge, New South Wales, each addressed the D.L., conveying fraternal greetings of various Lodges in the several jurisdictions for which they came, and were requested to convey the fraternal greetings to their D.L.'s in return.—Bro. W. Lucas submitted a proposal for holding a Good Templar Demonstration at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, and this was ordered to be referred to the Executive for consideration and report.—D.L. passed a unanimous vote of congratulation to the D.C.T. on his election as G.W.Ch., and to Bro. and Sister Browne on the presentation to them, by the G.L. of Cape Colony, of valuable testimonials, as recorded in another column. Bros. Winton and Browne suitably responded; 180 members present.

ASHFORD, KENT.—Bro. J. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M., and agent to the United Kingdom Alliance, gave a lecture on "A Glass of Ale; What it is, What it does; and What it costs," on Monday, May 24. The attendance was small owing to a very heavy thunderstorm which prevailed from 6 till 10.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOSIAH DERRINGTON, G.W.T.—At the Gwyther Lodge, Yardley, near Birmingham, on May 26, a handsome easy chair was presented to Bro. J. Derrington, W.C.T., and G.W.T., in recognition of his untiring energy on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. H. Westwood made the presentation, and Bro. H. Clarke testified to the noble work Bro. Derrington had done for the Lodge, and the great esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. Bro. Derrington thanked the Lodge amidst much enthusiasm.

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METROPOLITAN.

Homerton.—"Chepstow Castle." May 19. One initiated. G.W.C.T. circular read by Bro. Howe, L.D., who also read his commission. Decided that a Juvenile Temple be started forthwith. The death of one of the brothers of the Lodge announced, and arrangements made to attend the funeral. After business the Lodge was officered and entertained by the Homerton Hope.—Sunday, May 23. Over 20 of the members, headed by Bro. Howe, L.D., attended the funeral of late Bro. Hickman (he being a Phœnix brother there was the usual procession, the members taking part) at the Manor Park Cemetery. The Good Templar service was read at the grave by Bro. Howe, L.D. Several of Sankey's hymns were sung.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." May 11. Prayer and praise meeting; very pleasant session, Bro. Gibbs, W.C.T., presiding. Good attendance. Address by Bro. Le Sage, V.D.—May 18. Brothers' night. G.W.C.T. circular read by Bro. Le Sage, L.D. After business refreshments of all kinds handed round. Bouquets of flowers presented. Entertained by the brothers.—May 26. One admitted on c.c. Several songs, recitations, &c.; impromptu speaking by members and visitors, all decliming with the exception which there were a number. The subjects spoken to were as to what a Good Templar should be, "Character Dress," "Kissing Games," "Snuff," "Tobacco Smoking by Good Templars," "Regaha Westing," "The Order a Secret Society," &c., many of which caused a long and interesting discussion.

Southwark.—"Trinity." May 24. Annual tea and entertainment. Sixty-two sat down to tea, after which a capital entertainment was given by members of the Order and friends. A few words explanatory of the Order were said by Bro. S. Tucker, W.C.T., who presided.

Brixton.—"Gresham." May 27. Commencement of new programme. Bro. V. Careon, late of the Flower of Netherdale Lodge, Scotland, was admitted on c.c., and spoke upon the working of the Order in Scotland. Songs, readings, and recitations. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Percy-street, W.—"St. James of London." May 13. Bazaar and sale of useful articles was held, and was a great success.—May 20. One admitted on c.c. Magazine night. Several very interesting matters read. Thirty-one present. Songs, readings, and recitals ended a very pleasant session.—May 27. Visit of the Benjamin Franklin Lodge, who ably assisted in the entertainment; Sister Haarnack, V.D., present. Good session. Attention drawn to next aggregate meeting of Sub-District, and asking for something practical in the way of carrying on our Templar warfare in our District.

Clapham-road.—"General Garfield." May 27. One proposed, six initiated, one restored. Entertained by Bro. and Sister Wyatt, it being the eve of Bro. Wyatt's 37th birthday. Plentiful supply of fruit and biscuits. About 50 present. Lodge working well.

Cubitt Town. "Star of the East." May 24. Tea and public meeting. An amusing address by Bro. T. Grigsby, V.D., who presided, supported by Bros. J. Sinclair, Halsey, V.D., Heal, V.S.J.T. The programme of songs, recitations, and a sketch, "Sign the Pledge," well carried out, under the direction of Sisters Perry, Sinclair, and Fuller. Four names given in for membership.

Wandsworth Common.—"St. John's Hill." May 25. Capital session and a large attendance. Three new members admitted and five proposed, being the direct result of a successful soiree held the week previously. The W.C.T. reported his visit to the Orphanage on Saturday and earnestly begged of the members to do their utmost to support the institution, the penny per member scheme being especially urged, which was at once responded to and a small amount collected.

Shadwell.—"Pride of Lyttelton." May 7. Installation of officers; committee formed to organise a Juvenile Temple in connection with the Lodge; several names given in to join.—May 14. Entertained by new officers; a very pleasant session; good attendance of visitors.

Loughborough Junction.—"William Tweedie." May 26. Public meeting, Bro. J. C. Woollacott, P.D. of New Malden, presided, and gave a short address, urging members to put forth renewed efforts in the Temperance cause. Songs were rendered by Sister Chowe and Bro. Kentish, P.W.C.T., after which a stirring and interesting address was given by Bro. T. W. Dimbleby, P.D.C.T. He referred to the adjectives applied to teetotalers by George Augustus Sala in an article in the *Daily Telegraph*, viz., "gluttonous, grasping, selfish, tyrannical, morose, and intolerably conceited," and proved most conclusively that these terms were exactly suited for the other side, *i.e.*, those who favoured the drink. A most pleasant and enjoyable meeting spent; about 50 members and friends present. After the public meeting a short Lodge session was held, Bro. J. C. Woollacott acting as W.C.T.; one received as an ancient Templar, one on initiation, and one proposed for membership, the last being the firstfruits of the public meeting.

Commercial-road, E.—"Mile End." May 8. Entertained by the new officers. A very pleasant evening, several members contributing songs and recitations, &c.; one initiated.—May 15. Musical instrument night. Unexpected visit of the D.L. Executive; Bro. Winton, D.C.T., presided, and gave a very interesting and earnest address. Bros. Sutherland, Lambert, and Jones also gave a few remarks. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded our distinguished brothers for their kindness in visiting us; afterwards, the programme being musical night, several brothers gave solos on the cornet. Committee appointed to organise an excursion for the Lodge during the summer. A meeting from West Australia was warmly received. Several invitations received to visit other Lodges, which were accepted. Good attendance. One initiated.—May 22. Roll call and readings; very careful inspection of roll book, and visitors appointed to look up absent members; very pleasant meeting; good sale of WATCHWORDS.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." May 26. We visited the Loyal Silver Stream Lodge, Lewisham, who gave us a hearty reception. Very enjoyable visit.—May 27. Rep.'s report to D.L. read and adopted. Invite (accepted) to visit St. John's Hill Lodge. Bro. Elias Marshall appointed delegate to a discussion to be held at the Channing Lodge. Bro. Hilton, L.D., collected his proposed quarterly subscription to Orphanage. Sisters Waller, McMain, and Box gave a dialogue.

Putney.—"Emmanuel." May 27. Open Lodge and coffee supper, which was well attended. Bro. M. Biddy was presented with a timepiece by the members for his zealous work in the Good Templars' cause.

King's Cross.—"St. Pancras." May 13. One reinstated, and two received as associates. Installation of officers:—W.C.T., Bro. Angel, re-elected; W.V.T., Sister R. North; W.S., Bro. Collins; G.W.C.T., circular, and Grand Lodge proceedings read. Disapproval expressed of new bye-law regarding kissing games.—May 20. Bros. surprised the sisters with some very handsome presents.—May 27. Impromptu speaking by brothers which caused much amusement. Sister Shakesphere, W.D.V.T., was present.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." May 28. Officered and entertained by brothers. A resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to Sir Charles Dilke asking him to support Mr. Conybeare's motion for Prevention of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children under the age of 13.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." May 20. G.W.C.T.'s circular discussed; one admitted on c.c.—May 27. Humorous night. Songs and recitations by members and visitors.

New Cut.—"George Thorncloe." May 29. One initiated. Programme, pound night, and sale by auction. A very pleasant session was spent. Sale of goods brought 8s. 6d. to funds. WATCHWORDS always on sale.—On Sunday evening, May 30, the Lodge occupied the platform at Wilson's Coffee Palace, Walworth-road, Bro. Whitehead, W.C.T., presiding. Short addresses were given by Bros. Gear, Heartfield, sen., Sweetman, Maiden, Sister Smith, and Bro. Reeves, L.D.; singing by Sisters Clements, Maiden, Bros. Sweetman, Potkins, and Maiden; recitation by Bro. J. Maiden, W.Sec. One pledge was taken.

Stratford, E.—"Sunshine." Entertainment was given by Sister E. Tompkins, assistant-superintendent, and friends. Recitation by Sisters E. Tompkins, Thirds, E. Reed, M. Johnson, and F. Edwards; solos by Miss Saltmarsh, and Sisters E. Tompkins and Simpson. A short address was given by Bro. Tompkins. Bro. G. Mottram gave some very encouraging words upon their success at the aggregate meeting of the Temples at Canning Town.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." June 1. Programme, jokes and jollities. Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T., Bro. J. H. Matkins, F. Turney, T. C. Macrow. Bro. Masters, Olive Branch Lodge, gave a short address. WATCHWORDS taken in regularly.

Wandsworth.—"St. John's Hill." June 1. Capital session. Visit of Shaftesbury Park Lodge, whose members came in large numbers. New members initiated. The visitors provided an excellent programme. Refreshments were liberally provided.

Stratford.—"Stratford Excelsior." May 18. Public tea and entertainment. About 70 sat down to an excellent tea, the arrangements for which were in the hands of Sisters Leighton, Lawrence, Andrews, and Bro. A. 8.15 the room was comfortably filled for the entertainment. The chairman made a few remarks with reference to the progress of the Lodge for the past half-year, which shewed it in a good healthy condition. Pianoforte solo by Miss Golledge; songs by Sisters Kersting and Vidler, Bros. Leighton, Burrell, and Kersting; Miss Pembroke gave a couple of recitations; Sisters Ballard and Dolan gave two duets. The principal item on the programme, a dialogue entitled "John Ward's Temptation," was then commenced, the characters being well sustained throughout by Sister and Bro. Barber, Sister and Bro. Kersting, &c.—May 25. Fairly well attended session. Sacred songs and solos by Sisters Feles, Vidler, &c. Two initiated. WATCHWORDS sold. Invitation received from a neighbouring Lodge to give the dialogue "John Ward's Temptation."

Borough, S.E.—"Wellington." June 1. Visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., who presided and conducted a council of instruction, which was much appreciated. A good attendance and a spirited meeting.

Wandsworth-road.—"New Clapham Excelsior." May 26. Bro. T. C. Macrow, W.C.T. Visit of a brother and sister of the Channing Lodge. An address by the brother, song by the sister. Several other visitors present. Lodge steadily working.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." May 29. Good attendance; two candidates proposed and one member restored. Bro. Ansell congratulated the Lodge upon the harmony now prevailing after ridding themselves of those who constituted the element of discord. Sacred Songs and Solos were given. Very pleasant meeting.

Chelsea.—"James McCurry." May 29. Entertained by the Young Crusaders, a selection of hymns being well given under the direction of Bro. J. B. Scott. Recitations were also given. The Lodge called to order at 9.15 p.m., when greetings were exchanged with several Lodges. Bro. Brand, P.G.W.A.S., of New Zealand, gave an excellent account of our Order in the Colonies.

Notting Hill.—"Silver Street." April 29. Report of D.L. given by Bro. Pearson. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. Hicks; W.V.T., Sister E. Hicks; W.Sec., Bro. Beckwith.—May 6. Installation of officers by Sister Thompson.—May 13. Circulars read from various committees respecting demonstrations. Programme: Sisters' night. A vote of thanks was given by acclamation to the sisters for the able manner they entertained. Good session.—May 20. Resolved that this Lodge takes over the Kensal Messenger Juvenile Temple and Band of Hope's Messenger Lodge, and rename the Temple and call it the Silver Star Temple. Sister Weeks, P.D.V.T., was present. Sister Thompson was elected Superintendent of Temple, and Sister E. Hicks assistant. Notice read by L.D. respecting the annual meeting of Committee at the Orphanage. Bro. Lairbank was elected D.L.Rep. Sister Weeks entertained the Lodge for the rest of the evening.—May 27. Lodge met at L.D.'s house, 22, Portobello-road, as the Lodge had to turn out of Lodge-room without notice, through coffee palace changing hands.

PROVINCIAL.

OLD BROMPTON. — "Safeguard." May 27. Two received on a.c. Resolved to advertise in the WATCHWORD "Visitors' Guide." Bro. Denton appointed WATCHWORD correspondent. Item of evening, "Batchelors' Night," who entertained. Songs by Bros. Smith, Young, Highsted; reading by Bro. Macintosh. Very pleasant session spent.

LUTON.—"Pride of the Lea." May 25. Good session; two initiated. Lodge progressing. WATCHWORDS sold.

AMPTHILL.—"Alameda." May 18. G.W.C.T.'s circular read and discussed. One proposed. Capital attendance.—May 25. One initiated, and one proposed. Reading and singing by the members. WATCHWORDS taken.

WHITCHURCH.—"Hope of Whitchurch." May 21. Full Lodge. One candidate initiated, and four proposed. Programme, prayer and prayer meeting, led by Bro. the Rev. J. Prince.

DARTMOUTH.—"Onward and Upward." May 28. Visit from the Pride of Devon (Paignton), Bro. Parr, D.C.T., presided. Several songs, readings, and a dialogue were rendered by Sisters Pollard, Legge, Merrifield, and Bros. Rowland, Easterbrook and others. Bro. Casely, of Exeter, and Bro. Bradden, two of the East Devon Executive, made a few remarks, the latter stating that he had that day received a communication from the G.W.C.T. announcing that the Lodge was transferred to East Devon. Lodge doing well.

BRISTOL.—"Morning Star." May 28. An interesting session. Bro. E. C. Brambly (U.K.A., Worcester) addressed a few encouraging remarks to the members. Bro. Wade spoke, and Bro. Gosse also gave brief addresses.

WINCHESTER.—"City of Winchester." May 26. Bro. Deane, W.C.T. All officers present at roll call; two candidates proposed and one admitted as an Ancient Templar Bro. Weeks gave capital report of D.L. meeting. Bro. Perry, L.D., read circulars from the G.W.C.T. Programme of evening:—Single sisters' night; hymns, songs and recitations by Sister Morant, Sister Hibberd, Sister Castle, Sister Macklin, Sister Steere, Sister A. Hibberd. Bro. H. Taylor presided at the harmonium; a pleasant evening spent.

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore." May 29. Lecture on "The Philosophy of Food," by Mr. A. W. Duncan, illustrated by diagrams. The lecture was of a highly interesting character, and was ably discussed by Bros. D. Gavin (the newly recommended D.S.J.T.), J. S. Gavin, Brierley, Hunter and others; Bro. Tolton, D.C.T., presided. A recess was declared for the lecturer at eight, to which time the Lodge business was conducted; one initiated, one proposed; good attendance.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." May 29. One initiated. Sister Carter, sen., presided, and Bro. and Sister Taylor being responsible for the Good of the Order, Bro. Taylor asked the members and visitors to partake of coffee and buns, it being about the ninth anniversary of his signing the pledge. Bro. Chappell, L.D., of the Protector Lodge, Portsmouth, and W. D. Sent. of South Hants D.L., gave a very earnest address, and tendered the fraternal greetings of his Lodge. Bro. Sergeant Christie, of the Royal Irish, gave a *résumé* of the difficulties our brothers had to contend with in the late Soudan War. Sister Christie sang a solo and a very pleasant meeting was closed by praise and prayer.

STONEHOUSE.—"Three Towns Excelsior." May 26. Bro. Taylor, W.D.S. (*pro. tem.*), presided. Bro. Cann,

P.D.C.T., was also present. There was one brother admitted as an Ancient Templar.

DEVONFORT.—"St. Aubyn." May 27. Visit of the St. Aubyn and Hope of Morice Town Juvenile Temples. Bro. E. H. Osmond, D.S.J.T., presided, and gave a very earnest address upon the work of Juvenile Temples, and a very good programme was gone through by the young sisters and brothers, consisting of songs, recitations, &c. Their performances reflected great credit upon their superintendents.

DEVONFORT.—"James Teare." May 24. A public tea and entertainment in aid of Lodge funds, the members giving the provisions gratuitously. About 63 were present at the tea. Bro. Taylor, W.C.T., presided over the after meeting, and gave an address. Bros. Albert, Burt, and Taylor, and Sisters Hill and Welch rendered solos, and Bro. Parkes a reading, Bro. Taylor a recitation; altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

DEVONFORT.—"Star of Morice Town." May 26. Pound night. A fair attendance, and a good supply of pounds. Bro. Parkes, W.C.T., presided.

AUCKLAND.—"Reformer." May 6. Officers elected installed by Bro. Moseley. L.D.: W.C.T., Bro. H. Gordon; W.V.T., Sister J. Dodd; W.Sec., Bro. F. Hutton re-elected.—May 13. Good session. Programme in charge of Bro. J. Wilson.—May 20. Programme, "How to retain our membership," by Bro. D. Kerr. A very enjoyable session throughout.—May 22. Sunday closing meeting held in the Market-place, when a motion in the shape of a memorial to his Lordship the Bishop of Durham was submitted by the Rev. L. Westlake and seconded by the Rev. W. H. Brooks, and supported by Mr. Owens and Bro. D. Kerr. The memorial was accepted. Bro. J. Moseley presided.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." Bro. Blank, W.C.T. Communication was read from the D.C.T. that the G.W.C.T. had offered a visit to Torquay at the end of June. He would be accompanied with the G.W.M. It was resolved that it be left to the Good of the Order Committee to make arrangements. Bro. Richards entertained the Lodge by reading, singing, also giving solos on the fife, accordeon, and concertina, &c. A pleasant evening was spent. Four initiated.

BOOSBECK (Cleveland).—"Hope of Boosbeck." May 28. Good attendance, Bro. Robert Skelton, D.C.T., presided. After the usual routine of business was gone through, Bro. Skelton, D.C.T., addressed the members, dwelling at some length on several points of alteration which took place at G.L., and strongly urging the members not to be too hasty in suspending members who are in arrears but to use extra vigilance in retaining them. Bro. Myers, D.S.J.T., spoke on the claims of the Juvenile branch of the Order, inviting the members to start a Temple. Bro. Purdy, L.D., Bro. Hugile, L.D. Bright Star of Stanghor, Bro. Scace, of the Lily of Cleveland, and Bro. Skelton also took part in the discussion. A pleasant evening spent. The Lodge takes 14 WATCHWORDS weekly.

GREAT ATTON.—"Samuel Bowley." May 21. Several members of the Cyrus and Daisy Lodges visited. There was a fair attendance. Degrees conferred on 10 applicants, after which a social evening was spent. Bro. Walton sang two or three Temperance melodies; Bro. Lawton, a recitation; Bro. Moore, a song; Bro. Taylor, V.D., a speech. Bro. Skelton, D.C.T., addressed the members on the Good of the Order, inviting them to do all in their power to increase their membership, and suggested two or three public meetings during the quarter with a view of getting hold of the outsiders. Bro. Grierson, L.D., moved a vote of thanks to the visitors and promised to do all he could to increase the Lodge.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—"Daisy." May 28. Coffee supper and entertainment. Mr. Thomas Wright presided. A good programme was rendered, consisting of songs, recitations, readings, &c., the following brothers and sisters taking part: Bros. Walton, Hardy, Howe, Dabbs, Lawton, Sister Lewis, and others. Bro. Robert Skelton, D.C.T., gave a stirring address advocating our cause and strongly urged all present to had not signed the pledge to do so. The programme being gone through 120 sat down to an excellent supper, the tables being presided over by Sisters Lowery, Breeze, Baker, and Skelton. A pleasant evening was spent; several initiated their intention to join our Order.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." May 27. Bro. Hutchcraft, W.D.Ch. of East Yorks, visited and addressed the Lodge, and presented greetings from the Union Lodge, Hull, which were cordially acknowledged and reciprocated. Bro. and Sister Nightingale, of Golden Stream Lodge, London, presented c.c.'s and were admitted members. Bro. Nightingale made a few chosen remarks. Discussion on four-fold pledge was opened by Bro. Green, W.C.T., and vigorously sustained.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—"Star of Richmond Hill." May 24. Roll Call. Bros. Henman, Newens, Jolly, Fill, and Sisters Millican and Newens were appointed captains to visit absentees.—May 31. Report of Visiting Committees and report of Sub-District Committee. A committee was formed to carry out programme successfully. Bro Pines, of Kew Lodge, has kindly consented to take any of our Lodge and neighbouring Lodges to the Orphanage at Sunbury on Whit Monday in a waggonette, the proceeds of which will be given to the Orphanage.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." May 28. Report of D.L. Reps. Part-song, Sisters Lamacraft, Young, Perry and Hitchcock, Bros. Smith and Matthias; songs, Bros. Walter, Matthews and Wiggins; pianoforte selection, Sister Ventham; recitations, Bros. Quelch and Powell; readings, Bro. Peters. Four admitted on c.c., and two restored.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." May 29. Songs, Sisters West, Gibbons, S. H. Parker; Badcock, Bros. Smith and Parker; recitations, Sisters Kirby and Gargan, Bros. Quelch, Tunnell, E. S. Powell; readings, Bros. Le Kenx, Wils, and Chewter; address by Bro. Powell, jun.

HULL.—"Paragon." May 18. New officers to provide, who gave a good entertainment; good attendance. Twenty WATCHWORDS sold weekly.

SPENNYMOOR.—"Triumph of Hope." May 10. One admitted on c.c.; "L.D. responsible," songs were contributed by Bro. H. H. Syme, W.C.T.; a recitation by Bro. Dodshon, W.Sec., and readings by Bros. J. Ayton, Witherington, and Dodshon.—May 26. Two initiated; programme, "Who shall be W.C.T.?" much enjoyed; good attendance.

EXETER.—"Matthew, the Miller." May 27. Arrangements made for coffee supper. Resolution passed for the Digest of the District, "That the Subordinate Lodge have unrestricted power to fix their own initiation fees." Bro. J. Davey very kindly gave the Lodge a new set of rituals, for which he was heartily thanked. One initiated, and one admitted on c.c.

STOCKTON.—"Castle and Anchor." May 27. Devotional night, conducted by Bro. C. Metcalf, who, in an interesting address, dwelt on the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. A. Furness, a most active member and an earnest worker for the Temperance movement in the town. A vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the relatives of the deceased brother, expressing the deep sorrow of the Lodge at the sad event. Good attendance.

MANCHESTER.—"Good Samaritan." May 18. Enjoyable entertainment by the new officers; two recitations by Bro. F. K. George.—May 25. Postman's and floral night; splendid display of flowers almost everyone providing a bonquet which were presented the following morning to the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Prose letters were read by Bros. J. F. Cowen, from the Rev. G. R. D. Austin, James Yarwood, of Birmingham, E. J. Cowan and Sister Lord, also poetical contributions from Bro. Handley Sister Kightley, D.V.T., and Bro. Stanton; Sister Marr sang. The following visitors were present and addressed the Lodge: Bro. John Edwards, G.W.Co., Bro. Stacey Watson, of Great Yarmouth, and Sister Kightley, D.V.T.; one received on c.c.

YORK.—"Alba Rosa." May 20. A debate on "Character Dress and Kissing Games." Spent a most enjoyable evening, after which a vote was declared unanimous against kissing games; but in favour of character dress provided it be used in Temperance sketches only.

KEIGHLEY. — "Reformation." May 27. Two proposed and elected, G.W.C.T. quarterly circular and report of Lodge meeting were read. Bro. A. Barnes, S.J.T. read a paper on tobacco.

WEST COWES.—"West Medina." May 13. Officers entertained.—May 20. Open session. Service of song, entitled "Nelly's Dark Days," rendered by the juveniles under the direction of Sister M. Rowe, W.V.T. Rev. H. W. Flowerdew presided.—May 27. Visit of Ryde Lodge. Splendid session. Songs by Sisters Harris and Osmond, and Bro. Love; duets by Sister Harris, Bros. Fry and Jupe; readings by Sister Wadding, Bros. Keet and Comden; recitations by Sisters Morris and Nicholls, and Bro. Vaughan; piano solo by Bro. F. W. Cherington; selections on the Jew's harp by Bro. Wadding. A stirring speech by Bro. Ellery, W.C.T. Refreshments provided.

WARRINGTON.—"Wesley." May 3. A very good session; W.S. reported 41 members, being an increase of two. Bro. Grove elected W.C.T., Sister Sheath W.V.T.; officers installed by Bro. Sheath, L.D. Report of entertainment, March 22, shewed a balance of 6s.—May 10. Appointment of Lodge committees and other business; a very pleasant evening was spent.—May 24. L.D. read circulars from G.W.C.T. and D.L., which were well debated. One proposed for membership; Bro. Grove and Sister Sheath entertained the Lodge.

CHUDLEIGH.—"Unity." May 26. Visit from the Life Boat Lodge, Brampton, who entertained in a most able manner. A very pleasant evening was spent; room crowded.

LIVERPOOL.—"Zion." May 27. A social tea meeting; some 60 members and friends sat down to tea, and after the tables had been cleared a meeting was held under the presidency of Bro. M. Jones, L.D.; songs, &c., were effectively rendered by Sister Sedgewick and others. During the evening Bro. Hetherington (on behalf of the members) presented Bro. M. Jones with a D.I., regalia as a mark of esteem and for the length of time he has been L.D. (over 12 years), and also for the honour which had been conferred upon Bro. Jones in electing him W.D.S. Bros. Oliver, D.M., and Pickersgill, D.E.S., were also present and addressed the members and friends present, and bore testimony to the untiring energy of Bro. Jones in the cause of Good Templary.

CHESTER.—"Cestrian." May 11. Election of officers. W.C.T., Bro. Davidson, W.D.A.S.; W.V.T., Sister Davies; W.Sec., Bro. J. Pentland. Installed by Bro. Davies, D.C.T.—May 18. Auction night; realised about 10s. towards harmonium fund; a very pleasant meeting.—May 25. Bro. Davies, D.C.T., gave his popular lecture on "John B. Gough, His Life and Character," which was most interesting and profitable.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—"Father Mathew." May 4. Election of officers: Bro. W. Webster was re-elected W.C.T.; Sister E. Monk, W.V.T.; and Bro. Godden, W.S.—May 11. Visit from about 30 members of Garden of Kent Lodge, Rainham, who rendered an admirable programme, the singing of the choir in connection with the visiting Lodge being especially enjoyed.—May 18. A good audience assembled to hear the service of song, entitled "The Little Captain," which was given by the members of the Lodge, under the direction of Bro. G. Goodwin, when the connective readings were rendered by Bro. Rev. John Doubleday. Proceeds to Regalia Fund.—May 25. "Grumbling night; those who take offence to be fined 2d." was the programme.

NOTTINGHAM.—"George Gill." May 26. The following motion was adopted unanimously. "That this Lodge condemns the action of Grand Lodge in prohibiting kissing games in connection with the Order, and in reaffirming the bye-laws prohibiting character dress performances."

BRAMPTON.—"Lifeboat." Five members initiated. Visit by Bro. Hills, of Bolsover, who gave a very cheering address on the work of the Lifeboat and Good Templary. Members present, 150. Lodge over 200 strong.

SHIPLEY.—"Laurel Mount." May 3. One initiated, and one reinstated. Secretary reported decrease of two. Treasurer reported a substantial financial position. Election of officers, who were installed by Bro. Bolton, L.D.—May 10. General business and surprise official visit of D.V.T., Sister Hall, who addressed the meeting (which was open), accompanied by Sister Emslie, D.D.M. Thereafter Bro. Knox read an instructive paper entitled "A trip to Belfast."—May 17. Election of standing committees, and a press correspondent to the local press and the WATCHWORD.—May 24. G.W.C.T.'s circular read, with reference to last G.L. session, and summary of proceeding sent therewith. Agreed to take up summary of proceedings as programme of the evening at next meeting. Bro. Knox elected Home Mission Fund collector. Bro. Patterson read his paper, entitled "Youthful Rambles in the Far West."

HUDDERSFIELD.—"New Hope." May 10. Coffee stall well patronised; readings by Bro. Cuthbert; a very good attendance.—May 17. One initiated; song and reading by Sister Crowther, and very earnest addresses from Bros. Emms and A. Brook, and a short paper by Bro. Whiteron.—May 24. One initiated; capital paper on the "Smoke Nuisance," by Bro. Tom Crossland, which gave rise to a friendly discussion by Sister Longbottom, Bros. Cowgill, Firth, Emms, Boggis (of London), Spencer, Balmforth, Cotton, McNally, and Buckley. Bro. Alfred Boggis, Royal Alexandra Lodge, presented the greetings of his Lodge and gave a capital address on the good of the Order. A very instructive and entertaining evening was spent; good attendance.

RAMSGATE.—"Snug Harbour." May 17. A special Lodge session was held, the object being for the members to show their esteem and loving regard for their Lodge Deputy, Bro. W. Whitmore, by presenting him with the handsome Grand Lodge regalia. A recess was granted to receive a deputation, consisting of the Rev. A. Leigh-Lye, B.A., and Captain P. S. Emett, who had interested themselves, and expressed a wish to be present at the ceremony. Both gentlemen expressed their pleasure at being present, and said a few kind words on the subject that had brought them there. Sister Hull then made the presentation. Bro. Whitmore anitably returned thanks. The depntation then retired. The Lodge then opened in the Second Degree, and conferred the Degree of Fidelity upon 16 candidates.

LEICESTER.—"United we Stand." May 5. Election of officers: Bro. A. Jones, W.C.T. (re-elected); Sister J. Atkins, W.V.T.; Bro. Arthur Bonser, W.Sec. (re-elected). Coffee Committee's report given for half-year, profit 19s.—May 12. Officers installed. The G.L. decision re parlour games discussed.—May 19. D.L. and G.W.C.T.'s circular read; Bro. A. Bonser gave W.Sec.'s report, shewing 61 on the books, an increase of five, the average nightly attendance 32, average officers' attendance per night of nine. Very lengthy and detailed report, and received with best thanks; devotional afterwards; D.E.Supt., W.D.M., and Sub D.C.T. present.

LEWES.—"Lewes Castle." May 27. Nearly 20 members of Royal Sussex Lodge visited, and provided programme for public meeting in honour of the anniversary. Tea at 7 p.m., public meeting at 8. Bro. J. J. Jones presided. Short addresses by Bro. S. Vinall (of Lewes), Police-Inspector Dudman (London), and Bro. L. Parsons, L.D. Royal Sussex; songs by Sister Stone and Bro. Major; recitations by Bros. C. Ewer and T. J. H. Jacklin, and Mr. Coleman; reading by Sister Jones. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

BRIGHTON.—"Royal Sussex." May 31. Sister Jones provided plenty of refreshments of various sorts, and arranged the following programme: Reading, Bro. Jones; songs, Sister Stone and Sister Carter (of Horsham); recitation, Bro. T. H. Caskin; addresses by Bros. Carter (of Horsham), Cooper, and Fellingham; also a short address read by Bro. Stone, jun., testifying to the good that Bro. and Sister Jones had done; he concluded by presenting Sister Jones with a handsome bouquet. Over 100 present.

MANCHESTER.—"Pioneer." May 31. D.L. Reps. report; milk and buns served. Visit from Bro. David Gavin, newly-elected D.S.J.T. Pleasant session.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—"Medway." May 31. Question box. Several questions were submitted and answered, the nature of the questions proved that the Lodge contains some earnest members.

MANCHESTER.—"Hewitt's Harbour of Refuge." May 31. Rose night; one initiated; Bro. David Gavin, D.S.J.T., received on a.c. Songs, recitations, &c.; very agreeable evening.

CHESTERFIELD.—"Unity." May 26. Officered and entertained by the Brampton Lifeboat Lodge; speech by Bro. Gill on "Families Supplied," Bro. J. Cooper, D.S.J.T., also gave an address; pleasant evening spent; Bro. J. Cox, W.C.T., of Lifeboat Lodge, presided.

NORTHAMPTON.—"Pioneer." May 22. There was a large gathering of members of this and other Lodges, a surprise having been announced. The "surprise" was an agreeable one, taking the form of a present of a very handsome set of officers' regalia from the members of the Refreshment Committee (Sisters Baker, Gandy and Robinson). The regalia cost between £6 and £7, and the money has been nearly all raised by the profits on teas and on the sale of refreshments during the past year. Sister Mrs. Baker, a veteran worker, made the presentation, and all the officers responded, from the W.C.T. (Bro. W. W. Hadley) to the Guard (Bro. W. Tilley). Songs and a recitation made up a very pleasant evening, and before closing a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Refreshment Committee for their acceptable present. The old regalia had been in use for nearly 16 years.

IRELAND.

BELFAST.—"Victoria." May 24. Splendid meeting, largely attended. Visit from James Caithness Lodge. Good programme by visitors. Readings by Bros

Haveron and Millar ; solos by Sisters McCluer, Greer, Gordon, &c.

BELFAST.—"Olive Branch." May 25. Visit from Bible Temperance Lodge. Excellent programme of readings, solos, &c. Declared by all to have been one of the most pleasant meetings ever held in this splendid Lodge-room.

BELFAST.—"James Caithness." May 29. Special novelty. Brothers' knitting competition for two prizes presented by sisters. Open to visitors. Successful competitors, Bro. Haveron, James Caithness Lodge ; Bro. Gordon, Victoria Lodge.

BALLINACARRETT.—"J. B. Gough." This new Lodge was instituted on May 23, at 47, Solway-street, the residence of Bro. A. Ellis ; Bro. John Young, S.D., presided. Four candidates having been initiated and one brother received on associate card, the following officers were unanimously elected and duly installed for the present quarter :—W.C.T., Bro. A. Ellis ; W.V.T., Sister F. M. Boyd ; W.Sec., Sister Mrs. Ellis ; W.F.S., Bro. Ferris; W.T., Bro. Shippobotham ; W.M., Bro. Jellie ; L.D. and W.C., Bro. Craig. Bro. Ellis having given a short speech appropriate to the occasion, the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed in the usual way.

NAVAL.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White, and Blue." May 29. Tea and public meeting. The members of the Harvest Home Lodge, Gravesend, drove over in brakes, and, after a short rest in the Lodge-room, started in procession with regalia through the principal streets, and marched on to the Lines, where they broke off, some choosing to sit under the trees, and others indulging in various pastimes. On re-assembling they again marched back to the Lodge-room, where a substantial tea awaited them. After tea a public meeting was held, the room being crowded, when addresses were given by Bros. Batt and Goodwin ; songs by Sisters Smith, Moggridge, Almond, Bros. Prince, Raphael, Fletcher, Truelove, Farrer, Buntiog, Smith ; recitations by Bros. Page and Andrews.

MILITARY.

WINCHESTER. — "Garrison Safeguard." May 25. Capital session. Bro. Sergeant Checkley, W.C.T., presiding. Two initiated ; one brother admitted on c.c. Bro. Moody read several encouraging letters from brothers in Egypt, India, and Ireland, also from the G.W.C.T. of India. The Lodge was officered by the Itchen Valley Lodge, and a very select programme was gone through.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." May 11. Spelling-bee.—May 18. Seven new members initiated, after which the brothers entertained.—May 18. Flower night. Good attendance. Songs, recitations, &c., the flowers being distributed.

WANDSWORTH COMMON.—"St. John's Hill." May 25. A most interesting session ; three new members were initiated, four awaiting initiation. There was an attendance of nearly 50 members, who listened very attentively to an address by the S.J.T. This Temple meets very regularly and is fast increasing.

CHELSEA.—"Chelsea." May 28. Visit of Bro. T. C. Marow, V.S.J.T., who gave a brief address to the members; Bro. W. Grantham, P.M., presented the prizes won by five sisters in a writing competition on the previous session first to Sister Money, second to Sister Blizzard, third to Sister Goodyear, fourth to Sister A. Bartoo, fifth to Sister M. A. Barton ; songs and recitations by the members ; large number present.

MARYLEBONE.—"Sparkling Dawdrop." May 19. The members gave a service of song to the West End of London Lodge, which was well attended. Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T., presided and read the consecutive readings.

MANCHESTER.—"Pride of Pendleton." May 31. Small attendance. Official visit from newly-elected D.S.J.T., Bro. David Gavin, who gave short address. Bro. and Sister O'Neill are the S.J.T. and A.S.J.T.

WINCHESTER.—"Hope of the Future." May 24. One initiated, making the total of 60 juveniles in one month. Addresses by Bros. Hooper, Superintendent, and Bros. Checkley and Moody. Several prizes were given for Temperance recitations.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

KEIGHLEY.—Convention held at Oakworth on May 29. Arranged to meet at Oakworth House, and visit the grounds of Isaac Holden, Esq., M.P., for this division. After visiting the conservatories, grounds, &c., tea was partaken of at Bro. Binns' Tea-rooms. In the evening at 6 o'clock the convention was commenced. Reports of Lodges were given, shewing an increase in the number of adult members, but a slight decrease in the juvenile members of the Convention District. An instructive address was given by Bro. F. Bolton (of Shipley), P.D.S.J.T., on the "Power and Influence of Woman." After brief remarks had been made by the members present a hearty vote of thanks was given Bro. Bolton for his address. It was decided to hold the next convention at Keighley, and also to ask Sister Walshaw, P.G.S.J.T., to visit and address the meeting. Sister Entwistle, of Manchester, presided.

SUNDERLAND.—The usual fortnightly session of the Sub-District Conference was held on May 29, at the Station Coffee Tavern, Station-street. The conference was opened at 7 p.m., Bro. Wardropper, P.D.C.T., presiding. Fifteen Lodges, five Juvenile Temples were represented. A large number of visitors were also present from Gateshead, South Shields, West Rainton, &c. Arrangements were made for the United Temperance Demonstration on Whit Monday. Bros. Harrison and Wardropper were elected to represent the Order on the United Temperance Council for the ensuing year. It was also resolved to hold a Temperance camp meeting on Tunstall Hills on a Sunday afternoon in July. A very good and interesting debate then took place on the Durham County Sunday Closing Bill, Bros. Best Gilvray, Harrison, Teasdale, Coates, Thomas, Bluatt, Scott and Longley taking part in the discussion.

SHEFFIELD.—On May 24 an aggregate meeting of the 12 Lodges in the East of Sheffield was held in the Pride of Grimsthorpe Lodge-room, which was very largely attended, over 200 being present. Pro. W. Graville, W.D.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd, D.C.T., and Sister Hampshire, D.S.J.T. of Rotherham. A very appropriate and enjoyable programme of entertainment was rendered by the following brothers and sisters : Bros. Moxon and Worth ; Sisters Banks, Birch, and Hirst, interspersed with a telling address on "Juvenile Templary" by Sister Hampshire, an able and practical paper on the "Good of the Order," by Bro. J. Parker ; and addresses by Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd, D.C.T., and Bro. Graville, W.D.M. Great credit is due to the Pride of Grimesthorpe Lodge and the Committee of Arrangements for the excellence of the programme and beautiful appearance of the room, which was tastefully adorned with plants and flowers, which, with the Lodge furniture and the various regalia, made it look as Sister Hampshire said, "like a glimpse of Grand Lodge." Our correspondent observes : As the prayerful words of our closing ode rang through the room, we all felt profited by our gathering together, and an earnest desire was expressed for more of such meetings. A choice refreshment table, presided over by Sisters Knypers and Day, added largely to the enjoyment, as also the musical accompaniment of Sisters Banks and Birch on the pianoforte.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

E. AND M. SURREY.—On May 29, at the Stockwell Hope Lodge, Stockwell Green, S.W., a meeting, which was attended by representatives from the Lodges in the neighbourhood, was held to discuss plans for the extension of the Order in that locality and the strengthening of weak Lodges. Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., presided, and there were also present : Bro. R. Hyde, D.E.S., and Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.D.Ch. After some discussion a "union" or "federation" was formed, and in connection therewith a debating class and a choral society were to be conducted. It is the purpose of the Union to provide entertainments of a high class for the Lodges affiliated, and at such entertainments the public are to be admitted. It is hoped that success will attend this laudable effort.

SOUTH DEVON.—On May 29, Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., supported by Bro. Cann, P.D.C.T., Bro. Griffin, W.D.Co., Bro. Osmond, D.S.J.T., Sister Symons, W.D.V.T., Bro. Johnson, W.D.Chap., Bro. Mardon, W.D.Sent., Bro. Richards, P.W.D.Co., Bro. Griffiths, P.W.D.Chap., Sister Wheeler, P.W.D.V.T., and others, opened a new Lodge at the Gordon Institute, St. Aubyn-street, Devonport. The Lodge is to be called the Gordon Memorial, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Moore was recommended as L.D. ; Bro. S. Cochrane, L.E.S. ; Bro. Corporal Ford, Medical Staff, W.C.T. ; Bro. Private Branscombe, Medical Staff, W.V.T. ; Bro. Private J. G. McLean, Medical Staff, W.S. Bro. McLean was elected Rep. to District Lodge, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Moore alternate. After the institution earnest addresses were given by Bros. Hamley, D.C.T. ; Cann, P.D.C.T. ; Richards, P.W.D.Co., and Griffin, W.D.Co., and Bro. the Rev. Canon Moore on behalf of the new Lodge, said it gave them great pleasure to welcome the D.L. officers, and past D.L. officers of South Devon to their Lodge. It also gave them pleasure to belong to such an earnest District. Great praise is due to Bro. the Rev. Canon Moore, and Bro. McLean, V.D., of the Military Sub-District of South Devon, for their earnest and untiring energy in getting this Lodge instituted as a garrison Lodge, where our military brothers and their wives will always find a home when they come to the Three Towns.

HOWDEN-LE-WEAR.—In connection with Hope of Howden Lodge, Bro. Wrathall, Home Mission Agent, has been holding a week of special mission services at this place. On Sunday, May 16, Bro. Wrathall preached in the Primitive Chapel in the afternoon, and in the Wesleyan Chapel in the evening. On Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday he spoke in the British Workmans' Hall, and on Thursday night in the Wesleyan Chapel, with the Rev. S. Adcock in the chair. On Wednesday night a meeting was held in the adjoining village of North Beechburn, where the vicar of Hunwick, presided, in the Wesleyan Chapel. The mission has been a most successful one, finishing up on Sunday night with a general Gospel service in the British Workman's Hall, when the members of the different congregations attended, after the services in the various places of worship were over.

A HARD NUT TO CRACK.

(From the *Blackburn Times.*)

The following interesting particulars concerning an astonishing experience recently met with by a resident of Blackburn have just been brought to light. We may say that the facts as given have been carefully investigated by the well-known chemists, Messrs. J. M. Jackson and Co., of No. 9, Top of Penny-street, who vouch for the entire truthfulness of every word that is here stated. As the event is of decided public interest, inasmuch as it relates to a discovery about which considerable is now appearing in the newspapers, permission has been obtained to place all the circumstances before our readers. Mr. Jackson, who made these investigations to satisfy his own mind, very aptly remarked to a representative of this paper, that the astonishing results which, to his own personal knowledge, had been achieved by the agency in question, bordered so closely on the miraculous as to present to scientists and sceptics "*a hard nut to crack.*" The facts in the case are these :—

William Henry Holden, residing at 26, Whalley Old-road, Blackburn, has ever since 1872, at frequent intervals, been subjected to indescribable suffering, owing to terrible attacks of intense pain and swelling in his feet. His agony at such times almost drove him frantic. As is natural to suppose, everything that was recommended for the ailment, which was of an acute rheumatic nature, was used, but either owing to the stubbornness of the complaint or other causes, all the remedies applied proved futile. A few weeks ago Mr. Heldeo, hearing how the life of Mr. William Buchanan, one of the Cunard Steamship Company's engineers, had been recently saved by St. Jacobs Oil, after he had been given up by the Liverpool doctors to die, and had been at times deprived of his reason by suffering, resolved to induce his son to try this Oil, and procured a bottle from Jackson and Co.'s drug store. To his utter amazement and that of all the members of his family, the excruciating pain and terrible swelling left after only a few applications of the remedy had been made, and the young man is now free from his sufferings. "The change brought about by this bottle of St. Jacobs Oil is simply wonderful," remarked Mr. Holden, and "I gladly say that it has done more for my son in a single minuta than all the remedies we had used before that time had accomplished in 14 years. This may seem like a broad statement, but it is the plain simple truth, and I gladly give my consent to the publication of our experience with this wonderful remedy."

It may be here stated that leading newspapers of Manchestar and Liverpool have recently reported similar remarkable cures. Among these is that of Mr. John Tetlow, a well-known resident of Oldham, who had long been so seriously afflicted with rheumatism that he was unable to walk. He was bent with agony. A single bottle of St. Jacobs Oil effected such a marvellous change that he is not only free from pain, but, although 60 years of age, he can walk as well as ever. So delighted was he with his relief that he personally sent a testimonial to the Great Britain Branch of the proprietors, The Charles A. Voegler and Co., 45, Farringdon-road, London, with full permission to have such use made thereof as they wished. The case of Mrs. Ann Watson, of Upper Pitt-street, Liverpool, is another instance of the incalculable value of this wonderful healing. The lady writes that she had been entirely deprived of the use of her feet owing to rheumatic troubles of long standing. Physicians could do nothing for her, and all medicines which she used were without avail. St. Jacobs Oil was finally used with the same astonishing result as in the instances above reported. She can walk as well as ever, and is in perfect health.

Facts like the foregoing speak for themselves. And it must be admitted by all, that so valuable a discovery as that herein referred to deserves to be made known everywhere and by every means.

A LUCKY INVESTMENT.

Mrs. Mary Ann Halls, of Wardley, Uppingham, Rutland County, was crippled with rheumatism. She suffered agony over eighteen years. Her feet and hands were deformed. She was crippled and helpless. She could not walk. Her doctor said she was incurable. She had vainly tried different remedies. One bottle of St. Jacobs Oil removed all pain and swelling. It brought her hands and feet back to their natural shape. It cured her as if by magic.

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THE TEMPERANCE LIFE OFFICE.

THE 45th general meeting of this great insurance company, now so familiarly known as "THE TEMPERANCE LIFE OFFICE," and whose actual title is "THE UNITED KINGDOM TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION," was held in London on the 25th ult., under the presidency of its founder and chairman, Mr. Robert Warner. The report, which was moved for adoption by the chairman, and seconded by Mr. B. Whitworth, was eminently satisfactory. It disclosed a surplus of over a million of money. A million is a large sum of money, and when we speak of there being a *surplus* of a million, it means not simply that such a sum is invested, but that, after calculating upon the strictest rules the present value of all assets and liabilities, there is an actual surplus of assets over liabilities to the extent of a million and more of pounds. This proves careful working and profitable business; and as this surplus exists at the end of another five years, when a division of profits takes place, the actuary (Mr. Ralph P. Hardy) has recommended for division amongst the members the sum of over eight hundred thousand pounds, of which the largest item, over three hundred thousand pounds, is to go to life policies in the Temperance section.

The chief interest we have in reviewing this report, as we do from year to year, lies in the notable teaching of the figures of this Temperance section. The old actuarial calculations as to when people ought to die are rudely disturbed by this Temperance section. Take the last five years for example. According to actuarial estimate 1,179 members ought to have died, but only 835 of these actually passed away, so that 344 persons lived and paid in their money beyond the anticipated number. This means profit to the society and increase of divisible funds. Had the estimated deaths occurred, the money payments would have been £268,272; instead of which the money actually claimed was only £168,003.

The real advantages of total abstinence, as contributing to longevity, are, however, more completely demonstrated by comparison with the non-abstaining section, the calculations for which are made on precisely the same principles. In the non-abstaining or "general section" the deaths very nearly reached the estimates, and only a small margin of money remains unpaid; there were expected 1,670 claims for £367,214, and there arose 1,530 actual claims for £327,100.

The financial position of this office is unique. With the surplus we have already indicated, and with over three millions of well-invested funds, it offers security and inducements to insurers, and especially to Temperance men, which can hardly be excelled. The following well-known and greatly respected gentlemen are upon the direction, viz., Messrs. R. Warner, R. Barrett, J. Bromhall, J.P., W. S. Caine, M.P., Admiral Sir W. King-Hall, K.C.B., J. T. Pritchett, J. H. Raper, John Taylor and B. Whitworth; and Mr Thomas Cash is the secretary. The success of such an office is of immense service to the Temperance cause, and but for the great facts it demonstrates, our armoury of argument and defence would be incomplete. We wish the Society itself abundant prosperity, and long life to its members in the Temperance section.

MURDEROUS OUTRAGES IN THE SOUTHERN STATES OF AMERICA.

IT is sad to have to record that there still exist in the Southern States not only a prejudice of colour but legal disabilities arising from the complexion of the skin. It seems hard to believe this, but newspaper reports now before us of speeches of governors and senators, advocating equal rights in the States Assemblies, force the deplorable facts upon our attention. And this, alas, is not all. Law, which ought to protect virtue, is in this case the parent not only of vice but of crime. The cruel, inhuman treatment of any man, woman, or child, is a vice of the most hateful nature. By all God's laws it is a crime, and one that cannot go unpunished Any human law which exalts despotism and inhumanity is sure to foster crime. And so it comes about that where efforts are made on the part of the coloured races to resent injustice and to claim the protection of law, brutal white men combine to injure and even to murder the coloured people.

Only so recently as March last, in the town of Carrollton, in Mississippi, an armed mob of some 50 white men rode to the Court House, where a coloured citizen was arraigned for trial. A number of coloured witnesses and friends were also there, presumably under the protection of the law; but this armed and lawless white mob entered the court and murdered the prisoner and a number of other coloured persons within the precincts of the court. Stern and even threatening resolutions have since been adopted by coloured citizens, and

notably at a meeting recently held in Boston, in which the Governor of the State and the officials of the court are openly charged with shielding these assassins, and are branded as "a set of heartless cowards and enemies to justice."

In Ohio, Governor Hadley, as recently as April last, in his message to the General Assembly, eloquently pleads for the repeal of all laws discriminating between citizens on account of colour, and he specially refers to those that sanction the punishment of coloured children without legal trial, and their forced exclusion from common schools. In this State the words "FOR COLOURED PERSONS" are written over the railroad waiting-rooms; cars are marked "FOR COLOURED PASSENGERS," and in some cases white people are not allowed to ride in these cars lest the exclusion should be broken through. Even in the North this exclusiveness is practised in hotels, in theatres, and, saddest of all, in the very places of worship.

A letter which appeared in *The Christian* in March last tells us of special Gospel mission services which have been held at Central Church "for coloured people"; also that the Rev. W. Hay Aitken has been holding meetings "for the white people"; and further, that Messrs. Moody and Sankey have been holding meetings in New Orleans "for the coloured people, and many for the white people." Again we read, "Mr. Charlton is now conducting revival meetings for the Baptists (coloured)." How deep the prejudice and how strong the "caste" must be that allows this kind of separation, so that the colours must be assorted in order to the "rightly dividing" of the word of God's truth.

We cannot believe that any enlightened Englishmen can approve this state of things. It is high time that Christian churches protested, and sent out a better Gospel than this to the heathens abroad. We are thankful that, though there is much still to deplore, things are not as bad as they have been. A sense of shame is spreading; exclusive laws are being repealed; and the hateful practices are being narrowed to some extent. It is deplorable how little we can do more than by exposing these evils. But we are bound to do this much; and as a world-wide brotherhood we are bound to declare that Good Templary lends no sanction to any such human tyranny. Those from whom we separated ourselves, whose laws once decreedthe exclusion of coloured persons from their Lodges and from the Order, have, we have been told, yielded our claim by wiping out the exclusive words from their laws and constitutions, though as yet they still separate the races in their Lodges. May the time soon come when even this distinction shall cease to exist, and when Good Templary everywhere—without any distinction or qualification in its title—shall be synonymous with human brotherhood and equality.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

BRO. WILLIAM DODGSON, D.E.S, South Durham, and member of the G.L. Committee on Political Action, writes:—At our recent G.L. we re-affirmed the rule, that party politics (other than Temperance politics) and sectarian questions must not be discussed in our Lodges, or, I presume, in our official organ. I take it, however, that the question of whether the House of Lords ought to be abolished as a legislative assembly, now comes strictly within Temperance lines.

The action of the House of Lords on the Cornwall and Durham Sunday Closing Bills proves that though, largely through the efforts of the Temperance party, a House of Commons has been returned which will pass Temperance measures by a majority of two to one, we have yet to deal with an irresponsible body of men who form a barrier to their becoming law. Unlike the House of Commons, we can bring no practically effective pressure to bear upon these obstructionists; the people have no power to alter their membership however much they may misrepresent their wishes. Arising out of the action of the House of Lords upon other matters with which we, as Temperance reformers, have nothing to do, there is a large party in the country who are of opinion that it should be abolished as a legislative body; whilst we need not enter into any question as to the possible usefulness of the House of Lords, or of other mischief which it may be supposed by some to have done; for, as the fact is clear that it is now the sole obstacle in the way of rapid and effective Temperance legislation, this seems to me to point it out as a proper object for vigorous attack by Good Templars and their Temperance friends. Perhaps the only immediate result would be to convey to the Lords that their procedure is alienating from them the sympathy of the sober and orderly classes of the country, and that they are driving from them those whose aid would be of the greatest value should the course of events bring the question of their continuance prominently before the people. Even this conviction would do us great service, as it would be sufficient to make the Peers pause before they again throw out, apparently with reckless indifference, measures which it would need but little inquiry to convince them are earnestly desired by the great mass of the people, and which would be for their lasting social elevation. I hope that our Lodges will now take this question up in their political discussions.

THE GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE forms the subject of the initial article in the *Bond of Union* for June, accompanied by an illustration of the building.

ELECTORAL SUPERINTENDENTS will all have received their commissions by June 5. Recommendation forms not yet to hand should be sent in immediately. JOHN KEMPSTER, G.E.S.

"GOOD TEMPLARS INDIGNANT," was the heading the *Echo* placed above the resolution of the Middlesex D.L., condemning the action of the House of Lords respecting the Sunday Closing Bill. The resolution appears amongst our District Lodge news.

KISSING GAMES.—We are of opinion that all that can be said with advantage upon this subject has already appeared in our columns, and, with the exception of letters already received which may this week be held over for want of space, we must now terminate the discussion. We propose to have a last word ourselves on the subject next week. The question of Character Dress may still be discussed for a short time, but we must press that letters be brief and to the point.

BRO. LIEUTENANT WAWRINSKI, G.W.Co., OF SWEDEN, remains in London, at Smith's West Central Hotel, Southampton-row, another week or two, to study Temperance and Educational Institutions in the Metropolis. He met the G.W.C.T. and G.W.Chap. at the District Lodge at Reading, and created much enthusiasm by his able speech at the public meeting. Bro. Wawrinski devotes nearly all his time in London to the elevation of the masses, and merits the warmest recognition of our membership, and of all Temperance reformers.

THE LATE LADY OGLE.—It is interesting to note that while Sister Lady Ogle was elected G.W.V.T. at the Bristol Session of Grand Lodge, in July, 1873, yet our deceased sister retired from office as G.W.Counsellor; as in September of that year Mr. Angus Holden, J.P., of Bradford, who was the G.W.Co., withdrew from the Order, and Lady Ogle became the G.W.Co., as provided by the G.L. Constitution. At the next meeting of the Grand Executive Council, Bro. Dr. Munro, of Hull, was chosen G.W.V.T., he having polled the second highest number of votes for that office at the G.L.Session.

A MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.—Our readers will not be too much alarmed, we hope, to hear that, a short time since, Bro. Malins was seen to throw himself out of the top window of a very lofty four storey building in Temple Row, Birmingham, and dropped into the street without even losing his hat from his head! This was owing to the fact that the window had one of Bailey's fire escapes attached—a fire proof canvass tube, so constructed that descent is safe and easy. Bro. Hutson, "gingham" in hand, followed Bro. Malins down quite comfortably. The first lady to try it was Bro. Hutson's niece. Our advertising columns refer to this appliance.

THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the London Temperance Hospital was held on Thursday, May 27, at th Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, under the presidency of Mr. R. H. Penney. The report presented stated that as the hospital was now structurally capable of receiving 124 patients, it would be seen that when the finances permitted the Board to arrange for the reception of the full number of patients the results of the experience acquired would be of greatly increased interest and value. The special object of their hospital began where the general object ended. To alleviate, and if possible cure, bodily disease was the design of all hospital treatment, but while they sought to gain this result by means which the highest science of the day approved, they had at heart the protection of the sick from a form of temptation peculiarly subtle and dangerous; and also the advancement of the Temperance reformation, the ratio of whose progress was the ratio of the nation's social improvement and prosperity. They disclaimed any wish to sacrifice scientific methods to philanthropic impulses, but they should rejoice, as they believed all good men and women would, if it could be shewn that the disuse of alcohol as a medicine was not detrimental to those who entered a hospital for medical or surgical treatment. As was well known, their medical staff had power to prescribe alcohol as a drug if they considered a trial of its use needful; and in one case during the past year alcohol was so prescribed without any apparent beneficial result. The in-patients received during the official year were 624, and as 48 were under treatment May 1, 1885, the total number treated was 672, the number under treatment May 1, 1886, being 63. The deaths were 41, giving a rate of mortality of 6·7 per cent. From the opening of the hospital, October 6, 1873, to April 30, 1886, 12 years and seven months, the in-patients were 3,486, of whom 1,968 were cured, 1,272 were relieved, and 183 died, a percentage of 5·2. The out-patient department had proved, as formerly, a useful branch of the hospital practice. The number of out-patients receiving advice and medicine during the year had been 3,252, raising the total number from the commencement to 22,790. The patients were encouraged to pay a small sum for their medicines, but in cases where this would be a hardship, it was not required. As in most cases an out-patient made several visits, the number of attendances far exceeding the number of out-patients above reported. The increasing number of applications at the hospital for the treatment of accidents and other cases of emergency had rendered it necessary to open a "casualty department" for their special reception. This was now in good working order, and was likely to prove a valuable addition to the efficiency of the hospital. In spite of the success of the bazaars which had been held in aid of the building fund, it still shewed a deficit of nearly £5,000. The general receipts had been £3,741 10s. 7d., including £1,071 16s. 3d, and subscriptions £1,565 13s. 11d.; the expenditure had amounted to £4,010 7s. 3d., leaving a balance of £13 0s. 2d.

The proceedings opened with prayer, and after a few remarks from Bro. Dr. Dawson Burns, hon. sec., Mr. Frank Wright, a member of the board of management, addressed the meeting. He thought that the hospital was worthy of all support from the friends of Temperance. Every year since the establishment of the institution had been one of progress, and this shewed that the principles which they believed in and practised were gaining ground among the general public, and by the attendance of their out-patients especially, it was shewn that a good many people preferred a non-alcoholic treatment in their illnesses. For the first time in the history of the hospital they had been able to compile mortality statistics of some of the most common forms of disease, and this proved the complete triumph of Temperance treatment over any other. (Cheers.)

Mr. Thomas Watson, M.P., moved the adoption of the report, and remarked that he had been interested in the Temperance question for a long time. It had proved a good many things, but at the same time there were a good many which remained to be proved: it had proved that men could grow and be healthy and strong, and do their work as well, if not better, and he thought better, than by the aid of alcoholic drinks. The Temperance hospital was now proving that it was possible to cure many, if not all, diseases, without using

intoxicants at all. It was marvellous to think of the number of accidents and the amount of disease in the country, and they wanted as many institutions of this kind as they could get. He commended the institution to their sympathy and support, and urged them to send the help to it which it needed. (Cheers.)

The Rev. Prebendary Barker, in seconding the resolution, thought that Temperance men were the most practical of people, for although it was said that they would never get any number of supporters to their principles, and although they had been told that patients could never be successfully treated without alcohol, yet there were now some 4,000,000 teetotalers, and they had heard that the Temperance hospital had cured a larger percentage of patients by Temperance treatment than had been done in other hospitals. (Cheers.)

The resolution, having been supported, was put and carried.

It was subsequently decided, "That the enlargement of the Temperance hospital, by which it is now capable of providing for the treatment of 124 in-patients, is regarded by this meeting as an urgent reason for completing the building fund, in order that the hospital may be speedily utilised to the greatest possible extent for the beneficient purposes which it was adapted to subserve," and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Question: At what age can Juvenile Templars be enrolled in Sub-Lodge by clearance card from the Temple?

Answer: The lowest age for all applicants is 15, unless the Lodge fixes a higher minimum. Temple recommendation forms are used for such J.T. applicants—not clearance cards.

Question: When the W.V.T. is administering the obligation to a candidate, should not all members present assume the attitude for receiving it?

Answer: No. That practice is obsolete.

Question: Can an absent member apply for a clearance card verbally through any other member?

Answer: Yes; but a written application is preferable.

Question: Is a W.C.T. bound to give up the chair to any D.L. or G.L. officer, except to the G.W.C.T.?

Answer: The W.C.T. is not bound by law to give up the chair to any officer whatever; but courtesy, common-sense, and usage demand that the chair be invariably offered to the R.W.G.T., G.W.C.T. and D.C.T., who are pre-eminently presiding officers. Of course if such officer is a frequent attendant, he can decline the proffered courtesy. It is only proper, too, to offer the chair to any G.L. officer, and to any D.L. Executive officer on an infrequent visit, and to any V.D. or other officer who is paying an official visit. W.C.T.'s should take care to err on the side of politeness, if at all.

Question: Can a member move to confirm the minutes except a particular paragraph?

Answer: Yes. But it is best to first let the confirmation of all be moved, and then a motion to strike out or revise any one part can be moved as an amendment—*if the part is an incorrect record.* If it is a true record of any proceedings—no matter how illegal the *proceedings* were—the record should be confirmed. The confirmation of the minutes only certifies that they are a true *record*; and does not involve approval or disapproval of the *action* recorded. The *action* may be reconsidered under the head of "New Business," "Unfinished Business," or "Good of the Order."

Question: Is the W.C.T. *ex-officio* a member of all Lodge Committees?

Answer: No; but in appointing a committee he may occasionally appoint himself.

Question: What are the W.C.T.'s duties as the Chief Executive officer of the Lodge?

Answer: They are defined in the installation charge and in the "Duties of Officers" in the Constitution.

Question: What officers constitute the Executive Committee of Sub-Lodge?

Answer: As the Sub-Lodge meets weekly they do not have any separate Executive Committee.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The conduct of the majority of those present in the House of Lords on the third reading of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill has been the principal topic of conversation during the past few days. Whilst some of the more Radical Temperance men rejoice that the peers manifest so much anxiety to dig a pit wherewith to compass their own downfall, the miners of Durham feel very keenly the injustice which has been shewn them. Never was a case for legislation so clearly demonstrated. The question was a test one at the general election, and those candidates who pledged themselves to vote in favour of the Bill obtained (counting one unopposed return) upwards of 30,000 votes in excess of their opponents. Was ever a desire more emphatically expressed?

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Commenting on the action of the "Ignoble Lords," the *Daily News* said:—

"We should always resist a Sunday Closing Bill which was forced upon the community by fanatical teetotalers, or by grandmetherly philanthropists, or the classes possessed of cellars and clubs. But when the Durham miners, who have at least as much intelligence and knowledge as most peers, demand that in their own interests and for the sake of order and peace public-houses should be closed on a Sunday, their case is a very strong one."

Several other London papers, to say nothing of the provincials, also referred to the matter in very strong terms. Before very long the inhabitants of Durham may have another opportunity of making known their wants, and I should advise Lord Salisbury and his blind followers to visit the county and learn whether or no there is a desire for this measure.

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An "Ex-Colonial Official," has recently contributed an article to the *Club and Institute Journal* in which he reveals the existence of a sad state of affairs in Madagascar and other places. He tells how Christian England forces rum upon the Malagasies in order that the white traders of the Mauritius may line their pockets with gold, whilst at the same time they are "weakening and debasing the youth of the country, and tribes are perishing through indulgence in this spirit." But here is the worst part. The Prime Minister of the island states that if the people were permitted to have a voice in the matter not a single bottle of the vile spirit would ever enter the ports, "but the British Government will not allow them to judge for themselves." How many more countries are we going to ruin by our professed efforts to Christianise them! Surely it is time we threw off the mask, and if we want to civilise the world let us act as Christ would have done. Let the Gospel preached be not only salvation, but also Temperance, purity, and justice.

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The following paragraph appeared in last week's *Temperance Record*:—

"It will gratify our readers to learn that before reading his presidential address the Rev. Edward White informed the members of the Congregational Union that he had been a total abstainer since the commencement of the present year; and we learn from a reliable source that his health has improved under the new *regime*, although he had previously been in the habit of taking only a very limited daily allowance of claret."

One is glad to learn the above, but at the same time it makes Mr. White's utterances more remarkable than ever. It seems almost incredible that a man who has personally experienced the benefits of total abstinence as compared with even the slightest form of moderation, should attempt in any way to defend the drinking customs of the day. How Mr. White can reconcile such a paradox seems a marvel.

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Every friend of Temperance must be thankful at the splendid success recorded by the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution at its recent annual meeting. Few men live to see their ideas and labours rewarded so fully as Mr. Robert Warner has been permitted to. But more than this. The Institution is daily demonstrating to the world the advantages of total abstinence in a manner which exceeds the eloquence of all advocates and teachers, and provides an argument which the "trade" apostles are utterly unable to refute.

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One of the most remarkable and successful of the May Meetings was that held by the Railway Mission in Exeter Hall. This large building was thronged in all parts by railway officials and servants from all parts of the country. The proceedings were most enthusiastic, the speeches and hymns being in thorough keeping with the character of the audience. Some of the speakers were only allowed three minutes, but one of them, driver Gooderidge of Manchester, gave a piece of information which called forth loud and prolonged cheers. He stated that *all the most important trains* on the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire line were being *run by Christian Temperance engine-men and guards.* Lady Hope, one of the first friends of the mission, said there were no less than 2,000 abstainers on the Great Western Railway alone. This is "glad tidings" indeed, and I am sure we all wish our railway friends God-speed in their work.

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Our G.W.Ch., Bro. Winton, who is missionary to the public-houses in Hammersmith and district, was one of the principal speakers at the 51st anniversary gathering of the London City Mission, held in Exeter Hall. Bro. Winton spoke with great force and power, and drew special attention to the evils arising from the private drinking clubs now being established in all parts of the Metropolis.

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There is to be an important Temperance Convention at the forthcoming Wesleyan Conference, which meets in London towards the end of July. The convention will assemble in Great Queen-street Chapel on Saturday afternoon, July 31, at 3.30, and the chief topic discussed will be the adoption of a more decided and emphatic position on the Temperance question than that at present occupied by the Wesleyan body. There will also be a public meeting in the evening to be addressed by some of the leading men in the Connexion.

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The Salvation Army has, during the past few days, been holding its first International Congress. There is, perhaps, no religious movement of the present day upon which so much abuse has been showered as the one rejoicing in the above name, and established by the Rev. W. Booth some 18 years ago. It has, however, one feature in particular, which separates it from all other sects in the Christian community, and I sincerely hope the day is not far distant when all churches will see the importance and necessity of adopting the same test. To be a soldier in the Salvation Army *you must be a total abstainer.* General Booth and his fellow workers have learnt long ago that it was almost useless to attempt to prosecute their work except under this banner, and there are thousands of men and women who to-day thank God for deliverance from the evils of intemperance through the agency of the Army.

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The progress of this movement during the past four years has been remarkable. At the "Welcome meeting," which commenced the Congress, Mr. Booth announced that in 1882 the Army had 320 corps, now it had 1,552. In 1882 they had 766 officers, now they had 3,602 "separated" officers to sustain and carry on the war. Then they were holding 6,226 services a week, whereas they now held over 28,000. In addition to this, during the four years they had purchased, leased, or fitted up buildings seating 526,000 people (besides renting theatres, concert-halls, &c.), at a cost of £289,678. The Army now occupied 19 counties and colonies, and they published 19 "*War Cry's.*" Besides the above several branches for "special" work had been organised.

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A case of considerable importance came before the Plymouth magistrates last Monday. It appears that for some time past Sunday drinking has been carried on to a large extent in the military quarters, and a test case was brought forward to see if it could not be put a stop to. A sergeant of the Coast Brigade, Royal Artillery, was charged with selling liquor without a licence at the canteen on the second Sunday in May. Evidence was given to the effect that on the afternoon mentioned, there were over 50 persons at the canteen, and that drink was supplied without question when called for. One of the witnesses described the scene as a regular "fair," and stated that many persons were drunk. The magistrates inflicted a fine of £10. Other places should follow the example here set, and if illicit drinking can be proved, let it be brought to light, and the principals punished.

FREB LANCE.

BRO. ROSBOTTOM is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[ADVT.]

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in those pages.—[ADVT.]

CHARACTER DRESS AND KISSING GAMES.

Bro. John Nixon, Anchor Lodge, Carlisle, writes:—I am glad to see that a brother of my Lodge has commenced a correspondence on a subject which I am sure has not been sufficiently ventilated in our Lodges. He justly explains that kissing games have been stopped. I entirely agree with him. Does any sane man mean to tell me that men fresh from the reeking tap-room can be kept in a Lodge without something to take the place of the vile attractions that have fascinated them to the drinking den? Will prayer meetings do it? No. Will the everlasting Temperance recitation and hymn do it? No. Will sitting in a Lodge like a funeral party induce new members to come again? Certainly not. Then what are we to do? Why, do like other rational beings; use every fair inducement and attraction to make the Lodge more inviting than the "pub." Let people see that we can enjoy ourselves far better than they can at the tap, and away with sentimentalism. Don't be so squeamish. I think it better to save 10 drunkards by the use of a little harmless fun in the shape of parlour games than to be trying to turn our Lodges into something like Quakers' meetings. This sanctimonious craze is being pushed to such an extent that in a few more years our fine Order will have ceased to exist, and this is being done by a few would-be divines whose only merit and influence is the position they occupy. I would like to know how much time they devote to the actual Good of the Order.

Bro. William H. Jeater, W.C.T. and D.L. Rep., Camberwell, writes:—The thanks of the membership are due to you for throwing open your column that those, who like myself, are dissatisfied with the decision of the G. L., in reference to character dress, may have an opportunity of expressing their views on the matter. I must express my regret that G. L. did not see its way clear to amend the bye-law so as to permit Temperance sketches being given in character at Lodge entertainments; for while I admit the recital of a good sketch would be very likely to produce good results, at the same time I cannot but think that more good would be likely to accrue if character dress were allowed, because I am certain that we should get larger audiences, and therefore more to come under the sound of good Temperance teaching, such as is contained in the "Trial of John Barleycorn," or that excellent little sketch entitled "Reaping the Fruits," both of which would undoubtedly draw larger audiences if given in character. I cannot agree with those who think that if this bye-law were amended bad results would ensue, for I refuse to believe that any Lodge would perform pieces that would tend to injure the moral sensitiveness of any of the audience.

Bro. E. A. Gibson, P.D.C.T., Middlesex, writes:—Having had nine Lodges to supervise in my Sub-District while acting as V.D., and being a constant visitor to one or the other, as well as neighbouring Sub-Districts, I can speak with some experience. The results of my observations are that where "slobbering" exists at our *soirées*, the *majority* of the participants are *strangers* and not members of the Order so far as relates to the male portion of the audience, to whom such as "Kissing," "Bingo," and other absurdities are the only attraction! and it is sad to note with what gusto even a Grand Lodge lecturer can act as Master of Ceremonies on such occasions. I cordially uphold the action of G.L. on the prohibition of kissing games; they not only pander to the lowest passions, and are therefore immoral, but they tend to lower the flag of the Order and prejudice its best interests, as well as to exclude the middle classes (whom our G.W.C.T. has so often referred to as being desirable members). I, for one, should certainly not permit any daughter to mix up with, nor be kissed by, any fellow "masher or no masher" who chooses to claim such a right. I consider it a degrading and disgusting game, and a positive bar to the progress of the Order and the cause of Temperance. As to character dress, and performance of Temperance sketches, the Grand Lodge is inconsistent. If these sketches are printed by the G.L., and a profit is made thereon, in the name of reason, where is the horror of performing them? Surely, if they are worth printing by the leaders of the Order, they are worth performing! Are we simply to purchase these sketches and not use them? The position is untenable. My experience proves that where a really good sketch is performed satisfactorily, it is not only attractive to outsiders but to the members also, and, moreover, a welcome source of profit. An absolute necessity for most of the Lodges in the Metropolis, where rentals are so high and subscriptions meagre. Most of other kindred organisations permit Temperance sketches (as well as others), and if members of our Order are to be debarred, the G.L. will make a fatal mistake, and many Lodges will be compelled to close their doors for want of funds, as well as attractions. I trust this action of G.L. will speedily be repealed, and permission granted for the performance of special sketches sanctioned by the Grand Lodge itself.

"A Templar Sister" writes:—In discussing the question of character dress, and kissing games in our Order, one of your correspondents is somewhat amusing in his defence of kissing games. He advocates their continuance on the ground that "you can join in the game and play it for two or three hours without giving or receiving a single kiss." A kissing game without the kissing! I trust the "foremost and almost only objectors" are not as Bro. Kentish says, "the married members" only, but that there are many single members, both brothers and sisters, who have sufficient respect for themselves (and, as a consequence, for others) to condemn such indiscriminate familiarity; for we have to bear in mind that at meetings where these games have been most popular, not only non-members but very frequently non-abstainers have taken part, and thus our young and thoughtless members may be exposed to the risk of close contact with the tainted breath of the drinker! Let the older and more thoughtful seek rather to remove such anomalies from our Order, rather than to excuse and perpetuate them. Surely no thoughtful father of a family would seek to expose his daughters to such an experience as a *lesser* evil than looking in a printshop window. Personally I know nothing of the Order in Middlesex, but for the honour of our Lodges there I trust the brother is mistaken who says that he can guarantee that 98 per cent. of the members resent the prohibition recently enacted at G.L. From my experience of this District (S.E. Lanc.) I think the members we may lose from the new bye-law will be few, if any; certainly not those who have been long in the Order, who have grasped the real meaning of our obligation, who have learnt that amusement of any kind is only an adjunct, though a necessary one, and not a fundamental principle, worthy of the chief consideration of our fraternity. If we must amuse ourselves, and we should at proper times) for "all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy"), let it at least be in a manner becoming to us as members of our noble Order. We need not necessarily be debarred from parlour games—(did anyone ever see kiss-in-the-ring played in a parlour?)—I have taken part in some at Lodges, where the players have been so hilarious—games of skill with no objectionable feature—(such as family coach, German band, &c.), that the ring-players have been anxious to leave their own game and take part. In conclusion I would ask every Good Templar "to abstain from all appearance of evil."

Bro. H. W. Fellows, P.W.C T., London, writes:—On the subject of kissing I cannot speak in too strong terms of disapproval. The idea of a lot of grown-up people, whether Good Templars or any other body, joining in anything of this kind is to my mind thoroughly absurd and childish. My only regret is that our leaders and your valuable paper were so quiet about it when the great outcry was made some time ago in many leading periodicals. The second subject under discussion I am inclined to favour, and am sorry G.L. should have been so very decisive on this question, I have seen good, sound, moral sketches performed not only in Temperance societies, but in connection with our Lodges (in character), and you need little change in dress to make the performance more attractive. I regret that the motion in favour of these sketches should have been thrown out, as I cannot for the life of me see what harm there is in them. But, on the contrary, they have been, and would be, if still allowed, the means of improving a large number of Lodges both numerically and financially.

Bro. Joseph H. Pearce, W.D.M. and V.D., Birmingham, writes:—With your permission, I would like to reply to your Leader of the 24th ult. First, we are dissatisfied with the vote of G.L. on the above subject, because the G.L. does not represent the membership. On the first subject, to prove this, I will mention at the annual session of my own District a motion asking G.L. to rescind the bye-law was carried by a large majority. We sent three representative, only one voted for the motion to rescind, two voted against. In face of this have we not a right to be dissatisfied? As to the kissing games, our objection to the vote of G.L. on this subject is that G.L. would better add to the success of our Order by allowing more "Local Option" to our Districts rather than by making cast-iron rules which irritate our membership, and thus tend to harm rather than to do good. You say that the question of character dress performances narrows itself down to this "Shall theatrical performances be associated with our Lodges?" This, I contend, is hardly a fair way of putting it before our membership. What we ask is this—that our Lodges shall be allowed to teach Temperance truths by appealing to that dramatic instinct which is inborn in all humanity. The great complaint in our Order—at least, in my District—is that we are not doing enough public aggressive work. Speechmaking is not the only way of bringing home to the people the great importance of adopting Temperance in our daily lives. Excuse me, sir, if I say that to my mind the remarks in your leader would only be *apropos* on the assumption that had we succeeded in getting this bye-law rescinded our Lodges would at once have developed into unlicensed theatres, our members appearing session after session in all the paraphernalia appertaining to theatres. This is not the place to controvert your assertions on the morality of the stage, or I could shew you where humanity has been lifted up to a higher level of moral living by the art of the actor.

Bro. William Thompson, P.W.G., Victorious Lodge, York, writes:—I heartily endorse the action of Grand Lodge as regards the prohibition of kissing games in the Lodge-room, and cannot agree with our Bro. at Carlisle in his letter on the subject. In the Lodge to which I have the honour to belong, and which, I believe, has existed for about 13 years, such a thing has *never* been allowed since its first opening, and I believe should any one attempt to introduce the games, he would be promptly out-voted. I should be very sorry to think that the welfare and prosperity of any Lodge depended on such proceedings. Our Lodge, the Victorious, of York) has lived all this time without these games, and although we have had our periods of depression and difficulty, yet we have never surrendered, and to-day we are in a sound and healthy position, and looking forward hopefully for still better times. With regard to character dress, I think there is somewhat more to be said in its favour, but, whilst holding the opinion that character dress entertainments might be allowed, I would strictly have the same confined to Temperance sketches.

Bro. Alfred G. Hill, P.W.D.Ch., Birmingham, writes:—I fail to see the harm which is supposed to arise from the performance of good dramatic sketches if carried on in a proper manner. There are many pieces published, Temperance and otherwise, which make capital entertainments. But we cannot perform them because we are not allowed to dress in the least bit of character. In this we make a mistake, for I am sure if we could but put these pieces on our platforms at our public meetings, and entertainments, it would be the means of bringing more members into the Order and help to stop the declension. I think that so many interferences with the liberty of our members will not do much good to the Order, as it is likely to be very much resented. We have a large number of young members in our Lodges who are capable of doing credit to the Order if we give them a chance. But if we take away their liberty they will take their talent somewhere else. If there is this much-talked of evil existing in places where character dress is allowed, I think the case might be met by giving the District Lodges Local Option in the matter, so that they may have the power to suppress the evil wherever it arises. I am of opinion that we shall never succeed until the whole membership rises and says we will have what we know will be for the good of the Order. I don't advocate breaking the laws of the Order. But it could be done by discussing the question in the Subordinate Lodges, and taking a vote of the whole membership. We have plenty of time to consider the matter before the next Grand Lodge Session and not leave it to members who are sent to represent the Order and only represent their own opinions. If this suggestion was to be carried out, I am sure we should be able to get a very large majority in favour of the proper use of character dress.

Bro. S. Bown, L.D., Gratitude Lodge, Hamp

, writes :—I am not personally in favour of issing games, but I am decidedly of opinion that the Grand Lodge, by passing such prohibitory measures trespassed on our right, inasmuch as our policy is laid down as being broad, allowing Lodges to act according to locality and circumstances. I think it would be more beneficial to our Order if the Grand Lodge would trust more to the common-sense of our members. The ordinary routine of business at our Lodges is very dry to the majority of our members, and I feel convinced that if Temperance pieces were allowed to be performed in character dress at our meetings it would make our teachings more effective, and tend greatly to increase our members. If we wish a piece rendered to have its desired eifect, it is very essential that each character should be properly represented. I admit that the use of character dress could be carried too far, but if the Grand Lodge were to confine us to Temperance pieces, I think they could trust to the common sense of a Good Templar to know where to draw the line. We are not all of one frame of mind, and I feel certain that if tbe feelings of the whole of our membership were tested on this subject, the action of the Grand Lodge would be condemned by an overwhelming majority.

BRO. T. G. CRAFT, P.D.G.W.C.T., Artisan Lodge, Middlesex, writes:—In answer to Bro. Ainsworth, perhaps he has never heard the old adage that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and surely after 12 weeks' work, one week's recreation is not too much pleasure. And in most Lodges it rarely occurs more than once a quarter. Then as regards character dress, I feel very strongly on this 'point, and it was by my proposition that it was brought into the Artisan Lodge, and from thence carried to the District Lodge. Bro. Martindall wants to know why we are in favour of it. The reply I make is it has been the means of saving many. As an example, a number of the members of my Lodge belong to a society of Temperance entertainers and at the close of some of their meetings, after a sketch has been performed in character-dress, men have come forward and testified that the sketch, or a similar one, has been the means of saving them. Several so converted are now Good Templars. If this is the result of these prohibited sketches, why should they be so crushed ?

BRO. JOHN TULLY, W.V.T., Seaton Delaval Reformer, Northumberland, writes : — Many fallacies are apparent in some of the letters now appearing in your paper, more particularly the assertion, "that the decline of our Order is owing to character dress and kissing games." My Lodge had at one time a membership of about 120; by some cause cr other over 100 of these left, leaving only those who had the work at heart. Up to this time neither character dress performances nor kissing games had ever been indulged in at the Lodge. Since then we have worked up to about 70 again, nor have we as yet stopped and many times have kissing games been part of the programme at social parties connected with the Lodge, and character dress would too, had we been allowed. Personally, I am against those games in Lodges, but am willing to allow those to indulge who choose, and this is what the Grand Lodge should be. They might have spoken and requested the G.W.C. Templar to speak to the membership against kissing games, but to lay down a stringent law, which is sure to be broken, was not the way to increase our membership. About character dress, I differ entirely from the G.L. ruling ; for whatever those who never go to theatres and those who only go once in a while, and then to a pantomime, may say, the drama is a power for good, and would be more so if we as an Order, along with the churches, would assist the managers instead of staying away leaving them to be kept up by those who care for low class performances. Those of us who take part in arranging public meetings, &c., know the difficulty in getting the public to attend, and yet the G.L. has raised an existing obstruction higher. What next ?

BRO. CHAS. W. HATT, D.G.W.C.T., and W.S., Workman's Home Lodge, Upper Holloway, writes:—I fail to see what can be done to benefit Lodges and to obtain new members now that our Grand Lodge has decided by a majority to still retain the rule that character dress performances be not permitted in our Lodges, and also that kissing games be discontinued at soirees in connection with the Order. My Lodge has experienced great difficulty in paying its rent, and is now in a condition where it is necessary that something should be done to raise its finances. We cannot tax the members any more than they are already taxed at the present time, seeing that the majority are those who have to work hard for their living. We must raise money somehow to pay our rent, and 40 members' subscriptions are not sufficient to pay a rent of £1 19s. per quarter. If we try concerts we must have the same old programme, consisting of songs and recitations, repeated over again. We are forbidden to render even a pure Temperance dialogue in character, because some consider it is wrong to do so. The outside public will not come and listen to songs and recitations ; something more attractive is required in the way of a change. We try a soiree or fruit banquet, and we find that these draw people together very well, but now we must discontinue these because of the kissing games. The question is, What are we to do now ? My opinion is that if the Order would only permit performances of Temperance dialogues in character at our concerts, that the Lodges would be greatly benefited thereby, and many might be induced to turn over a new leaf at beholding the drunkard in his true colours. Should this be allowed my Lodge would willingly forego soirées and their kissing games for a good concert at which, if we rendered a suitable Temperance sketch, we should be sure of obtaining a good audience.

BRO. CAPTAIN W. HUGH PHIPPS, R.N., P.G.W.M., writes :—I have read with great pain and surprise the letters of Bro. Andrews and those of the other brothers who advocate, and see at all events, no harm in what are called "kissing games." Lately I read also in the WATCHWORD some remarks of the G.W.C.T. on the desirability of feeding our reduced ranks from the middle classes. I should blush with shame even to show our organ to any friend of mine, let alone to ask anyone of the middle classes to run the risk of being present when such vulgar games were carried on. Our Order is certainly far worse off than I ever thought it possible, when it is seriously proposed to bolster it up with "kissing games" and such like amusements. We may have made many mistakes, but I never thought it possible that a brother should write and say that only married members objected to these games because they could not join in them. Fancy the low ebb to which we are fallen if these suppositions can exist in a brother who considers himself sane. The only reason that justifies the free meeting together of both sexes of all ranks and classes in the seclusion of a Lodge must rest upon the entire absence of these follies, and anything like undue freedom. Indeed, I may go further, and say that we risk the possibility of the sexes meeting together if these games are permitted in any of our Lodges, as we know how soon a report of this kind spreads. No Christian man and no Christian woman, who looks upon their Lodge as sacred ground, can think of these things except with abhorrence and disgust. alike discreditable to the Lodge that allows such practices, and themselves as members of the same Order.

BRO. MORRIS JONES, W.D.Sec., S.W. Lancashire, writes :—Your leading article on kissing games, *so called*, and the action of the Newport Grand Lodge, relative thereto, has the right ring in it, and I trust the outcome of it will be the unanimous expression that the course taken was the only one opened to vindicate the moral teaching, principles, and reputation of our Order. I hold the law as now laid down simply restricts our members (*as such*) to know the *reputation* of the Order, when gathered under its published arrangements ; and as loyal members all should assist to carry out this obligation. Kissing games are no part of our work. Outside our jurisdiction (*i.e.* the Lodge and the Temple), those brothers who wish to indulge in such a pastime can do so, and if "the common decency and native modesty of our sisters will allow themselves to be slobbered over by an assortment of fellows to whom they are entire strangers"—well, let them also do so, but not under the legal sanction, and approval of the grandest institution, capable, if properly administered, of raising all classes of society into a higher and nobler sphere of usefulness both for God and man, as the Order to which I have been attached as a Good Templar for the past 15 years. On this question there ought not to be two opinions. On character dress I say nothing. Possibly two opinions may exist.

DRUNKENNESS is the study of madness. Choose but the best kind of life and custom will soon make it agreeable.—PYTHAGORAS.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

Bro. Henry Browne, P.W.D.C. of Middlesex, L.D. of the Bedford Lodge, and Sister Browne, P.R.W.S.J.T., both of whom havo been Proxy Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Cape Colony to R.W.G.L. of the World, are the recipients of the following interesting letter, with the accompaniments :—

"Grand Lodge of Cape Colony.—Office of G.W.S., Newlands, Cape Town. April 28, 1886. — To Bro. and Sister H. Browne. — Dear Sister and Brother, — By the mail leaving on Wednesday next we are sending a small registered postal parcel addressed to Bro. Browne, but intended for both. The contents of this parcel are as follows : One diamond ring for Bro. Browne, one crocidolite brooch for Sister Browne; one ditto bracelet for Sister Browne, three feathers for Sister Browne, and an illustrated handbook of the Cape of Good Hope. These items are intended by our members as tokens of the fraternal regard felt towards Bro. and Sister Browne, and also as a small recognition of their kind and considerate services as our representatives to R.W.G. Lodge. The testimonial is not a large or particularly valuable one; but we trust that you will regard it not from its intrinsic value, but as a token of regard from your South African friends and brethren, and the result is due, not to one or two, but to small offerings from the majority of our Lodges. I may tell you that the feathers are entirely the gift of one Lodge situated in an ostrich district (the Arm of Help Lodge, Graaff Reinet, last returns 156 members). Sister Browne will especially value them when she learns that the Lodge consisted almost, if not quite, of coloured members. We do not know how the parcel will be effected by any customs or import due, and therefore send this separate notice, that there may be no delay in your receiving your parcel. Trusting that you may have as much pleasure in receiving our little remembrance as we have in sending it. —We beg to remain, dear Brother and Sister, most fraternally yours, WM. BOYD, G.W.C.T.; J. B. WHEELWRIGHT, G.W.S."

The Bedford Lodge has forwarded us the following communication : "Dear Sir and Bro,—The members of the Bedford Lodge, 1,435, in session assembled, desire to make known that Bro. and Sister Browne have received a letter with a parcel with contents (as above enumerated) as a present from G. Lodge of Cape Colony, in recognition of their valuable services as their representatives to R.W.G.L.W. With unspeakable joy we are highly delighted to see and to know that their labours have been appreciated by South African friends. With assurance we can state that they richly and well deserve any such appreciation. They are both true earnest workers, always willing and ready to render their services, and to do their utmost for the good of the adult Order, and to promote the cause of Temperance. Above all, and not least, they are greatly interested in training the young in the faith of Temperance. It is hereby resolved that an official letter be sent to Cape Colony as a token of our heartfelt thankfulness. With best wishes for the success, prosperity, and welfare of the Order in South Africa we heartily forward them our fraternal regards.—GEORGE JEMMETT, W.C.T., JOSEPH POWELL. W.S., 3, Holly-street, Dalston, London, E."

At the monthly session of the Middlesex D.L. on Saturday last, a resolution, moved by Bro. Rains, W.D.Ch., seconded by Bro. S. Insull, P.D.C.T., was unanimously carried, cordially congratulating Bro. and Sister Browne as earnest workers in the cause on the appreciation shewn by the Cape brethren and sisters for their useful services. Bro. Browne briefly and appropriately replied.

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G.W.C.T.—JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.Sec.—J. B. COLLINGS, { Grand Lodge Offices 188, Edmund Street, Birmingham.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"Templars, Birmingham."

G.S.J.T.—JOSEPH WALSHAW, 30, Elmfield, Halifax.

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.—JOHN WRATHALL, 54, Cheltenham-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE.

Hon. Sec.—S. R. ROLFE, 45, Paulet-rd., Camberwell, S.E.

NAVAL DISTRICT.

D.C.T.—JAMES RAE, 2, Ziozan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

D.S.J.T. — WILLIAM ANDREWS, 50, Anglesea-road, Woolwich.

W.D.S.—WILLIAM DAVEY, 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton, Kent.

MILITARY DISTRICT.

D.C.T.—QUARTER-MASTER SERGEANT, O. G. L. JONES, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—SISTER E. K. GARB, Bazaar Coffee House, Farnborough-road, Farnbarough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. SMITH, 19, Hearn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

HARBOUR SPECIAL VISITING DEPUTY.—Bro. A. Bishton, 35, Abercrombie-street, Landport, Portsmouth.

G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
June 9.	—Monmouth	P.M. School, Newport.
,, 14.	—Devon, E.	St. Mary Church.
,, 16.	—Cumberland, W.	Allonby.
,, 17.	—Nottingham	East Bridgford.
,, 21.	—Stafford, S.	Brownhills.
July 5.	—Cornwall, E.	Gunnislake.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the WATCHWORD.

(Signed) JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tax received from District Lodges during the week for the quarter ending with April 31, is as follows:—

1886.	£	s.	d.
May 27, Lancashire, S.W., Bal. of Tax...	0	9	8
,, 27, Cheshire, East and Mid...	2	18	9
,, 27, Bucks.	2	4	2
,, 27, Yorks., N.W.	4	16	4
,, 28, Isle of Wight	3	14	2
,, 29, Beds.	2	4	3
,, 31, Trinidad	2	7	5
,, 31, Grenada	0	9	4
,, 31, Cornwall, W.	1	6	1
,, 31, Northampton, S.	2	13	6
,, 31, Staffordshire, N.	4	9	6
,, 31, Cheshire, W.	6	2	0
,, 31, Dorset	3	3	8
June 1, Durham, S.	13	4	2
,, 1, Cambridge	3	4	5
	£53	7	5

BRO. MALINS' "NO COMPENSATION" PAPER.

This is in the press and will be published shortly. Orders may now be given to the G.W.Secretary. Those members who have already ordered copies will receive them as soon as possible after publication.

ORDERS FOR GOODS.

The membership generally, when ordering supplies, are requested to send their orders *addressed to the G.W. Secretary*, and not to private individuals employed by the Order.

Signed,

JOHN B. COLLINGS, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.

G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

SPECIAL SESSIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

A special session of the Grand Lodge of England will be held at Penzance, on Friday, July 2, 1886. A special session of the Grand Lodge will also be held in the Opera Theatre, Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, July 13, 1886, in connection with the National Temperance Fete, which is being conducted this year by the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE DEGREE.

(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms. (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members THREE years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges; or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only SUCH OF THESE WHO HAVE NOT FORFEITED THEIR DEGREES OR THEIR QUALIFYING TITLES, BY EXPULSION, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORDER, OR VIOLATION OF PLEDGE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY ON THIS CREDENTIAL. Further particulars will be announced shortly.

NEW GOOD TEMPLAR OFFICES FUND.

The following responses have been already made to a private circular sent to Lodge Deputies and others for contributions to a special fund of £200 to meet the expenses of necessary alterations in and fittings up of the new offices just acquired for the Grand Lodge.

	£	a.	d.
Amounts previously acknowleged ...	53	0	3
Per A. Walker, Birmingham	0	10	0
Per J. E. Gray, Hatfield	0	5	0
R. Pocock, Petersfield	0	5	0
J. J. Wilkinson, Leeds	0	5	0
D. Evans, Wheelock Heath	0	5	0
J. H. Ormerod, Todmorden	0	5	0
A. Boggs, London	0	5	0
Mrs. Haarnack, London	0	5	0
C. J. Smith, Oxford	0	2	6
M. J. Allen, Woking	0	2	0
	£55	14	9

JOHN B. COLLINGS, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.
G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

POLITICAL ACTION.

WEST MARYLEBONE PARLIAMENTARY DIVISION OF MIDDLESEX.—The annual conference of Electoral Superintendents and Lodge representatives was held on May 28, in the John Clifford Lodge-room, Standard Temperance Palace, Bell-street, Edgware-road. Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., presided, and was supported by Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co., Bro. W. Lucas, V.D., and Bro. J. A. White, C.S., and others. The following representatives were present at the conference:—Bro. Yendell, E.S., Bro. Godwin, E.S., Bro. Rainforth, E.S., Bro. Taylor, E.S., Sister Woolgar, E.S., Bro. Andrew, E.S., and a large number of members and visitors was present. Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., gave an earnest address on the "Duty of Temperance Electors," urging all members to do more work for the Temperance cause, and not to join any political organisations but to unite together and form a Temperance electoral party and do our own work. Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co., spoke on the question of Sunday Closing of public-houses, and very much regretted that the House of Lords had rejected the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. A discussion followed, Sister Woolgar, and Bros. White, Yendell, Goodwin, and Foster taking part.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to notice the following instructions in forwarding items of news:—

No notice will be taken of communications unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

Address, Editor, GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD, 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

E. G.—Not good enough.

R. R.—Wide of the subject.

W. J. S.—Written on both sides of the paper, and too long.

E. A. R.—We cannot admit discussion upon local personalities.

W.G.S.—You do not discuss the merits.

J.S.—We regret the waste of time and space, but the waste would be greater if the evil were not discussed and condemned.

A CAPTAIN SAVED.

HOW A MEMBER OF HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE ESCAPED DESTRUCTION.—HIS GRAPHIC ACCOUNT.

Some little commotion was occasioned several months ago regarding the experience of a gentleman well known in this city, and at the time was a subject of general conversation. In order to ascertain all the facts bearing upon the matter, a representative of this paper was despatched yesterday to interview the gentleman in question, with the following result:—

Captain W. H. Nicholls, formerly in her Majesty's service, is a man well advanced in years, who has evidently seen much of the world. Endowed by nature with a strong constitution, he was enabled to endure hardships under which many men would have succumbed. Through all privation and exposure he preserved his constitution unimpaired. A number of years ago, however, he began to feel a strange undermining of his life. He noticed that he had less energy than formerly, that his appetite was uncertain and changing, that he was unaccountably weary at certain times and correspondingly energetic at others; that his head pained him, first in front and then at the base of the brain, and that his heart was unusually irregular in its action. All these troubles he attributed to some passing disorder, and gave them little attention, but they seemed to increase in violence continually. To the writer he said:—

"I never for a moment thought these things amounted to anything serious, and I gave them little, if any, thought; but I felt myself growing weaker all the time, and could in no way account for it."

"Did you take no steps to check these symptoms?"

"Very little, if any. I thought they were only temporary in their nature, and would soon pass away. But they did not pass away, and kept increasing. Finally, one day, after more than a year had passed, I noticed that my feet and ankles were beginning to swell, and that my face under the eyes appeared puffy. This indication increased, until my body began to fill with water and finally swelled to enormous proportions. I was afflicted with acute rheumatic pains, and was fearful at times that it would attack my heart. I consulted one of our most prominent physicians, and he gave me no hope of ever recovering. He said that I might live several months, but my condition was such that neither myself nor any of my family had the slightest hope of my recovery. In this condition a number of months passed by, during which time I had to sit constantly in an easy-chair, not being able to lie down, lest I should choke to death. The slight pains I had at first experienced increased to most terrible agonies. My thirst was intense, and a good portion of the time I was wholly unconscious. When I did recover my senses I suffered so severely that my cries could be heard for nearly a mile. No one can have any idea of the agony I endured. I was unable to eat or even swallow fluids. My strength entirely deserted me, and I was so exhausted that I prayed day and night for death. The doctors could not relieve me, and I was left in a condition to die, and that, too, of Bright's disease of the kidneys in its most terrible form. I think I should have died had I not learned of a gentleman who had suffered very much as I had, and I resolved to pursue the same course of treatment which entirely cured him. I accordingly began, and at once felt a change for the better going on in my system. In the course of a week the swelling had gone from my abdomen and diminished all over my body, and I felt like another man. I continued the treatment, and am happy to say that I was entirely cured through the wonderful, almost miraculous power of WARNER'S SAFE CURE, which I consider the most valuable discovery of modern times."

"And you feel apparently well now?"

"Yes, indeed. I am in good health, eat heartily, and both the doctors and my friends are greatly surprised and gratified at my remarkable restoration, after I was virtually in the grave. My daughter, who has been terribly troubled with a pain in her back caused by kidney trouble, has also been cured by means of this same great remedy, and my family and myself have constituted ourselves a kind of missionary society for supplying the poor of our neighbourhood with the remedy which has been so valuable to us."

As the writer was returning home he reflected upon the statements of the noble old man with whom he had conversed, and was impressed not only with the truth of his assertions, but also with the sincerity of all his acts. And he could not but wish that the thousands who are suffering with minor troubles which become so serious unless taken in time might know Captain Nicholls's experience and the manner in which he was saved. And that is the cause of this article.—*Hamilton (Canada) Spectator.*

The remedy which cured Captain Nicholls can be had of all chemists and druggists throughout the United Kingdom, or of the manufacturers, H. H Warner and Co., 17, Farringdon-street, London, E.C.

VISITORS' GUIDE.

Correspondents should always state on what night the Lodge meets. When no hour is stated the Lodge meets at 8 p.m.

Lodge Secretaries please note that we do not send receipts for payment of subscriptions; the appearance of the announcements for the period paid for being a sufficient acknowledgment.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury.—Norwood Schools, South-hall. 7.30.
Benjamin Franklin. Percy Hall, 3, Percy-street, Tottenham Court-road.
City of London. 181, Aldersgate-street, City.
Grstitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
Orange Branch Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's court). 8.15.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
Veroon. 176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickensom st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Board of Brotherhood. 32, Benson-st., New Cross, S.E.
Gen. C. Gordon. Baptist Chapel, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. 8.15.
Hand of Friendship. Shoreditch Miss. Hall, Kingsland-rd. 8.15.
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgeware-rd., N.W.
Lambeth Pedestrian. Wyvil Hall, back of 101, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Tn., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
W. Tewsley Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

WEDNESDAY.

Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Weston-st, Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Hardenway. Priory's Coffee House, 7, Orrell End Hill.
Joseph Payne. Christ Church Sch. Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Carrey. Sydney Hall, Leader-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior. Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential. The Hall, St. Ann's-rd., Brixton (nr Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Prage Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road School, Clapham-road.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Lonsdale-borough-park, Brixton.
Heart's Content. 68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
Hope of Streatham. Iron School-room, Natal-road, Streatham.
James McCarrey. Retford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shafresbury Park Prim. Meth. School, Gravehott-road. 8.15.
Silver Stars. Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
William Hasley. Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, Rhine-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Limehouse.
Finsbury Progress. 105, Blackstock-rd., Highbury Vale.
Grosvenor.—Festival hall, Grosvenor-sq., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham Juv. Tem. 8.30
Pride of Lytlletom. Boys' School-st., Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thornelee. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonaer-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDRESHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Benthan-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine. Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richbore' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
WOKING.—Maybury Sandcam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30
CAMERIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge. Y.M.C.A. Hall, Peas-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy. Parkstreet Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. P. M. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Holme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Rewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Retford-st
RYDE (I.W.).—Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
SITTINGBOURNE.—Father Mathew. Crescent-st. School-rm. 7.30.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Enderby Temp. Hall. School-room.
GODALMING.—Friends. Congregational School-room.
HULL.—Always Active. Lower Union-street Club-room.
NORBITON.—Hope of Norbiton. Prim. Meth. Ch., Victoria-road.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum. British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lee Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
KINGSTON.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-st. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperadum. Wintoan-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly

GLD BROMPTON.—Safeguard. I.O.G.T. Hall, High-street.
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Sung Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Hand in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edecumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
ST. NEOTS.—Star of St. Neots. Wesleyan Day School.

FRIDAY

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Union Ch. Schl.-rm., Abingdon-st.
BARNSTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Coogl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—L. R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-st., All Saints. 7.45
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge. Han. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
BIRMINGHAM.—Nil Desperandum. Richardson Schl.-rm., Farm-st.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
LEEDS.—St. George's Rosebud, Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Cavendish-road.
MANCHESTER.—Concilio et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chap. School-rm., Ebrington-st.
PONTYWAIN (MON.).—Eamond. Trinity School-room.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle delas Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Catte Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Elliza-street), Carlton. Monday.

Grand Lodge of South Australia I.O.G.T
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Members of the Order emigrating to South Australia will please note the address of the G.W.S.—W. W. Winwood, I.G.G.T. Office Adelaide, S.A.

MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Adeo, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
EAWAH, PESHUR.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, Thursday, 7 p.m. Monday, 7. Cpl. A. Brown.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbessiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L. D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
EGYPT.—Lorne. N.W. Block, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. SUPERB, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
PORTSEA.—Portsmouth Garrison. Cairo Restaurant. Sat. 7.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
RICHMOND (YKS.).—Howard's Green, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHELLAL (Assouan).—Castle of Gibraltar. 1st. Batt. Dorset Regt.
SHOEBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, High-street. Monday.
MALTA.—Sheppherd's Guiding Star. The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—Red. White and Blue. I.O.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
H.M.S. NELSON, AUSTRALIA.—Red Cross. Saturday.

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MEDITERRANEAN GRAND LODGE.

The annual session was held at the U. S. Institute, on Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m. The Lodge was called to order by Bro. G. Humphreys, G.W.C.T. The Credential Committee reported 11 brothers to be in waiting to receive G. L. Degree, which was duly conferred. The reports of officers were then given in and accepted. The G. W. Sec.'s report shewed that good work had been done, and earnestly hope I that the new G. L. officers would go to work with a will and increase the welfare of the Grand Lodge.

The report of Bro. Humphreys, G.W.C.T., which was an excellently compiled document, was adopted with enthusiasm. Some of its headings were as follow, and much good advice was given under each:—"State of the Order," "Good of the Order," "Lodge Programmes," "Temperance Readings in the Lodges," (in which the members were urged to increase the number of WATCHWORDS now taken, viz., 130), "The Juvenile Order," &c., &c.

The election of officers was then proceeded with when it was resolved to elect the undermentioned officers between the Lodges that are not in Malta (viz., G.W.V.T. and G.A.S.) to be elected in Shropshire Guiding Star Lodge at Cairo; G.D.M., Castle of Gibraltar Lodge (Dorset Regiment), at Assoum; G. W. Ch., G. Sentinel, Guiding Star Lodge, at Gibraltar, the remainder at Malta, which was as follows: G.W.G.T., Bro. Humphreys, re-elected; G.W. Co., Bro. Wright, re-elected; G.W.S., Bro. Ashdown; G.W.T., Bro. Armes; G.S.J.T., Sister Ashdown; G.W.M., Bro. Stewart; G.G., Bro. Newman; G. Messr., Bro. Etheridge. Recess was then granted for refreshments, after which the G.L. re-opened and Sub-Lodge and received Degree members were admitted. The session, which was brought to a close at 9.30 p.m., was a very earnest and sensible one. The place chosen for next annual session was Malta on Easter Monday, 1887.

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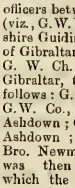

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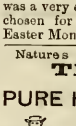

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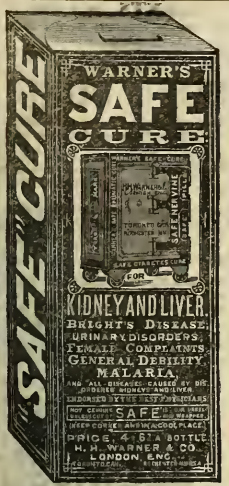

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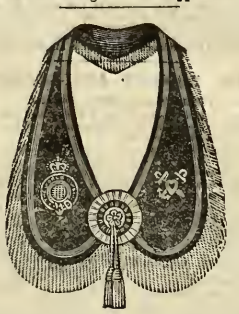

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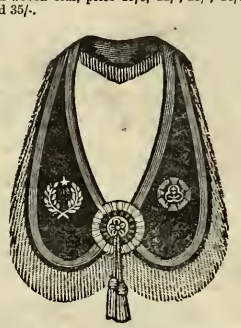

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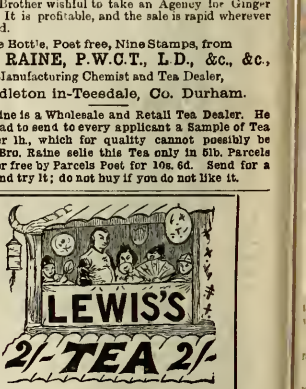

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THE GHOST AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

"They say there's a ghost at the railway station, sir! He was meaning last night fearful, and all the young women is frightened away."

"Why young women?—are there no men at railway stations?"

"Yes, sir, there's passengers, but this is in the refreshment-rooms where the young ladies is. They say the ghost has took to meaning since Friday, and they can make out words here and there, but no one can't see anything, sir."

"Well! Thomas, I am not surprised that beings from another world should moan and groan over the fate of those who have fallen victims to intemperance since that refreshment bar was opened, but I will go and see for myself what I can make of this spirit who moans to the discomfiture of the young ladies in the bar."

"Accordingly the Rev. James Clifford walked into the town of C—— and instituted inquiries. True enough, as his gardener had stated, mysterious sounds were heard in the refreshment bar, and the popular mind was much excited. After having convinced himself that many, if not all, these sounds were produced by a high westerly wind blowing through a keyhole, along several wires, and flapping gently the registers of two of the unused stoves, Mr. Clifford bethought himself of the capital opportunity this small excitement afforded for inculcating a lesson on Temperance.

The next day bills were posted in various parts of the town, headed:—

"GHOSTS! GHOSTS! GHOSTS! Come and hear the Rev. James Clifford on The Ghost at the Railway Station. Meeting to be held in the goods shed, kindly lent for the occasion, &c., &c. It is expected that some of the ghosts will be heard during the evening."

Punctually at 8 o'clock the rev. speaker appeared upon the platform, made of packing cases and odds and ends, and found an eager crowd of upturned faces waiting his arrival.

A guard off duty having been voted to the chair, the lecturer at once plunged into his subject.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he commenced, "men say we have a ghost among us; a voice which wails at midnight in the refreshment bar, a pitiful cry which thrills the heart, a knock, knock, knocking from the lone land where the dead wait—wait and watch the living. I tell you there are many ghosts who haunt that bar—many voices, many wailing cries, and that there are spirits who knock all night long hoping to be heard, but we are deaf to their appeals. I shall endeavour to personate a few of these"; and, lowering his voice, the speaker went on:—

"I was a railway porter; I earned fair wages, and being civil, I took a lot of money in tips. I had a wife and children, but they went hungry and were badly clothed. I drank, and drank in this bar, and at a little public-house round the corner, until I died at 42 and left my wife without a penny. Will none of you listen when I moan, and moan? Tell my mates to give up drinking, to live a sober life, and to shun these places where drink is sold as they would the plague, or a pest-house."

After a moment's silence, the speaker resumed in a deeply sorrowful tone:—

"I was a cabman; I had five children and as good a wife as man ever had. The money I took would have kept us all in comfort, but I spent shilling after shilling in this bar, and in pretty nearly every public-house I came to, and they went short at home. For years my wife had no new clothes, her old mistress supplying her with bonnet or gown just decent enough to go about in. 'He's a good husband,' she would say, 'if the drink did not sap up his money so. All cabmen's alike, and he never gave me a blow in his life, as many does!' Yet when they carried me to a drunkard's grave, she felt, poor soul, that she was better off without me. Why don't the rest of you listen to what I say, take your money home, save it while you can? Soon, it may be, the time will come when you will have to ask the parish for its two or three shillings a week as I had, and I once owned the best horse and carriage that turned out of the yard."

Then, in the plaintive voice of a young girl, Mr. Clifford continued:—

"I was second nurse in Mr. Selwyn's family; I took my quarter's wages to go home, and I met a friend in the bar, who asked me to drink a glass of wine in honour of her birthday. I drank first one glass, then another, before I got into the train. Presently I fell asleep, until arriving at Boxall Station I heard, and only half heard, them call the name, jumped up (my head all swimming and confused), opened the carriage door without seeing that the train was moving, and remembered no more until I heard the nurse say at the hospital 'She is conscious, but sinking fast.' Will no one listen to my wailing cry? Tell my fellow-servants three glasses of wine killed me; that if I had never entered the place where they sold this dreadful poison, I should not have been found mangled and half dead upon the line at Boxall."

Again, the voice of a well-bred lady spoke:—

"I purchased brandy in this bar to refresh myself during my sorrowful journey to bid good-bye to my husband, who was leaving England with his regiment. I arrived at Plymouth intoxicated, so intoxicated that I could bid him no good-bye, leave him with no tender messages, and the ship sailed and I knew nothing. Then I drank to drown the thought of it, and I had a fever on the brain, and it killed me. Do you not hear my voice which pleads, and pleads? Tell my sister to see that the children I left behind never touch this fearful thing; tell them that it has killed their mother, and has broken their father's heart; that it is such an insidious foe that although it did all this, only the very immediate members of my family ever suspected the dreadful fact that I was intemperate.

Lastly came the bluff deep voice of a man, who said:—

"I was an engineer; I came into this bar one night with a friend who had turned teetotaler, that is, he followed me in, pleading all the way: 'Burford, you've had enough; Burford, have some good coffee, I'll pay; Burford, when the drink's in the wit's out.' No use, I was in a queer temper. They had snapped me up for being behind my time. I knew it was my own fault, but it made me savage. I took a glass and had my flask filled. 'O that man should put an enemy into his mouth to steal away his brains,' sighed my teetotal friend, and I went out and got on to the engine, growling 'Brains, what do you say about brains? I have got more brains than a teetotaler any day.' That night I took the train into a siding. I never saw the signals, which were dead against me. The enemy had stolen away my brains, and I lay with my skull smashed in at Exeter. Will no one listen to my knock, knock, knocking, as I try to shout to all my old comrades? As sure as you put the enemy in your mouth he'll steal away your brains, and even while you boast of your strength and your freedom, he may take your life away, and that of others, as he did that night at the junction—19 of us in all. Never a place where they sell the accursed liquor, but we wail, and moan, and knock, hoping to make some of you listen and bid you give up the habit of drinking now, at once, and for ever."

The rev. speaker then solemnly pronounced a benediction and was gone, but it was not until some moments afterwards that men began to move slowly away to their homes, some of them remarking that every word they had heard was true, and that drink was at the bottom of half the evil the world suffered from. Let us hope that not a few solemnly pledged themselves to give it up "now, at once, and for ever."—*British Women's Temperance Journal.*

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

He always meant to do that. From his early boyhood upward—or downward, rather, alas;—to this his manhood! A pitiable object he looked as he stood there in his rags, propped up by the wall and unsteady even then. "Intoxicated again, Smith," said the master, passing by, "why, you promised to mend!" "I'll t—t—turn over a n—n—new leaf, sir," stuttered he, as usual. Poor wretch! whether he wills it or no, the new leaves keep turning of his book of life, and very dirty leaves they are. With health shattered by long indulgence in drink, he cannot have many leaves left to turn over. Soon will come the last, and then? Though he so often talks of "turning the leaves," he has never realised he is, in all truth, writing a book. Yet he is doing that, and so are *you*, whether you know it or not! It is a grand thing to write a good book, full of noble thoughts that will help men to grow better, and shed a light from Heaven all around. Some books do that, some lives do that. Other books and other lives have quite an opposite influence; they lead men far from God, and cause them to become the slave of their own evil passions. The books we are writing, you and I—our lives—will affect us and all who surround us *for ever*. Is not that a solemn thought? In ordinary books errors can be corrected, but in these books as we write so it stands *for ever*. Each day is a page in our book of life. How do those pages look? Are they fair and bright, bearing the impress of loving hearts, seeking God's glory, in kindly deeds and thoughts to all around? Are they blurred and blotted by self-seeking and evil passions? Probably there are many things we fain would blot out if we could! Sins and mistakes, oh! so many! We cannot mend these dark pages, but we can take them to God, who, for the Saviour's sake, will forgive us and help us from henceforth to lead clean, pure lives. Then, when our last page will be filled up and the book closed on earth, He will say, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you." (Matt. xxv. 34.)

M. I. C.

CHARACTER DRESS AND KISSING GAMES.

Sister Georgina S. Ward, D.S.J.T., E. Cumberland, writes:—In reading over the correspondence in last week's Watchword I was astonished in reading Bro. A. Paterson's letter to find so many misstatements, and feel it my duty to reply to them. In the first place Bro. Paterson says that we have the large membership at the cost of driving out the intelligent Temperance workers and filling their places with young members, some mere children. Now I defy Bro. Paterson to prove this statement, nor can he mention *one* who has left the Lodge for any such reason, and out of a membership of 112 we have only two or three young members who are not only an ornament but a credit to us, and Bro. Paterson has been very often indebted to the children of the Anchor Lodge, for at nearly every entertainment their Lodge has, our members have been the principal entertainers. With regard to our being brought under the discipline of the District Lodge this is mere spite, and as to the game question I may say that the Anchor Lodge have not indulged any more in games than the Lodge which Bro. Paterson is a member of. I have been a member of the Anchor Lodge for 15 years, and I am now the oldest female member of the Order in Carlisle, and I cannot remember ever reading more incorrect statements in connection with any Lodge since ever I joined the Order. I may here state that all the members of the Anchor Lodge are both respectable and intelligent, of which the Order may well be proud.

Bro. Edward Glaister, Leighton Buzzard, writes:—I quite agree with the letter of Bro. Captain W. H. Phipps, and I have been very careful not to lend a copy of the Watchword since the present discussion has been going on. Character dress stands, I think, on another footing. Sir Joseph Paxton Lodge has obeyed the law to the letter, and has been careful, when introducing any of the good Temperance sketches—"Susan Sandford," "King Dibble," Band of Hope dialogue on smoking, or others—to call the meeting a Temperance Rehearsal or Social Gathering—as distinguished from an entertainment undertaken by the I.O.G.T. Lodge.

Bro. John Brooks, P.D.C.T., S.W. Yorks, writes:—I have no desire to be an advocate for "character dress," or "kissing games," but simply to express my disapproval of Grand Lodge making bye-laws which interfere with freedom of action of the Lodges. If this sort of legislation is persevered in the watchword by which the Order will be known will be "Pay and Obey." I think if our obligation is kept, which not only refers to abstinence from intoxicants, but actions which may injure one another, and the best endeavours for Temperance work, then any additional commandment becomes a burden and most likely to be resisted by the membership. May I suggest how this needless legislation could be avoided? I think that if our members who qualify themselves for Grand Lodge representatives would always attend Subordinate Lodge and exercise their power and influence in directing its affairs and suggesting its programme, then no complaint would reach our annual Parliament or offend the sensitive organs of our best brothers and sisters.

Bro. William Henny, L.D., Avon Lodge, Bradford-on-Avon, writes:—In one of the publications of the Licensed Victuallers, it says that the Good Templars are squabbling among themselves about kissing games, &c., and that they, the publicans, need not trouble themselves about it, but keep quiet and watch the game. Now, sir, it would be much better if our members want to write about anything to write letters telling us how to put a stop to the drink traffic. It is not so much play we want, but real earnest work. It is to put down the drink we are formed into Lodges, not to play at kissing games or such like. I hope that our members will remember that the Licensed Victuallers are watching us.

Bro. Edwin Penrice, D.G.W.C.T., Birmingham, writes:—If we can judge from the correspondence that has already taken place the action the Grand Lodge has taken is in every way beneficial to our Order; I think our Bro. Kentish is in his opinions far from what our Order expect from its members. All the talk and twaddle adverse to it he characterises as perfectly uncalled for and imposing. I would remind Bro. Kentish that nothing is uncalled for or imposing that upholds the law of Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has decided by an overwhelming majority to prohibit such games in connection with our Order, and every member of our Order has promised to be obedient to all the rules, usages, and bye-laws of our Order. If our brother wishes to be obedient to this rule, I hope he will until such times as the law is rescinded. Then again he says one may join in a game without giving or receiving a kiss. If this is the case I think those who don't wish to kiss had best keep out of the games, as it is more likely to give offence to reject anyone than it is not to allow the game to be played. As to the policy our brother refers to, I would tell him that an item of Good Templary is violated by the rule I have mentioned. And as for only being married members that object I would ask our brother who the stability of the Order depends upon but the married members. I don't think it is exclusively the younger portion of our Order that would make our Order what it ought to be. I hope when he tries to reclaim a drunkard he won't tell him we have kissing games at our meetings, or he'll be laughed at. If it is only the young folks that want these games I would ask our brother to try and teach them to grow up to be Temperance workers. I would call our brother's attention to the principles of our Order, and see if he cannot do good rather than receive benefit; also to the correspondence of our Bro. Pickett. He has personally canvassed 18 or 20 Lodges, and 88 per cent. resented the prohibition. Now fancy, out of 20 Lodges, 98 per cent. are not married. What a pity our Order is possessed of 20 Lodges with so few married people. If this is all the married there are in these Lodges, I fear the work of reclaiming the fallen is lacking considerably. I am pleased to see there are so many young members, still I should like to see more elderly members amongst them to teach them to do what our Order asked them to do. I am a S.J.T., and no one delights more than I do to work for the young; at the same time I do what I can to bring the elder ones into our midst. I have been connected with the Order from a Juvenile (now nine years), and I have always had superintendents to guide me in the way I should go. I sincerely uphold the action of the G.L. as my duty to the Order, and my appreciation of its welfare.

Bro. W. M. Lockwood, Fulham, writes:—The stage is what people make it, and while the good stay away and only hold up their hands with pious horror against the few blots that exist, naturally the managers will pander to the class who go, although I maintain that the pieces in which virtue is victor and vice vanquished are the majority, and have the longest runs. Go to any theatre where there is a working-class audience and hear the villain howled at. It would do your heart good and would quite convince you that the heart of the nation is still sound. In quoting Paul you (to me) seem to lose sight of the fact that he was speaking to the saved people who had accepted Jesus as their Saviour, and who would naturally be on quite a different footing from those persons whom we have just rescued from the snares of drink, and who must have something to see and hear, more than "Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." The time, of course, comes when the regenerated soul does crave this kind of food, and then I say the proper place is the place of worship and not the Good Templar Lodge. Thousands have been lost to our well beloved Order through various causes, and it seems as if Satan were always "stirring up strife amongst the brethren" so as to be able to extend the size of his kingdom. Instead of passing futile laws, we should be trying to be more liberal. Narrowmindedness never did avail, and never will. Catholicity in practice will do more than aught else to bring us to "Thy Kingdom come."

Bro. Chriss. Willson, Queen's Park, London, writes:—I think the resolution of the Grand Lodge on this subject may be classed among the wisest and best on record, and I think, when it becomes known to the public, a great impetus will be given to our Order and many will join who have hitherto held aloof. After the letters lately in the *Telegraph* I think our G.L. could not have a better resolution. I have always strenuously opposed including kissing games in our entertainment programmes, but have not always been successful with my opposition. At the last soirée we held, this question was put to the vote, and these games carried by a very small majority. I believe about four or five out of about 60 persons present. When our L.D. read his commission to the Lodge, the particular clause referring to this matter was highly approved, thus showing that it is not required in our Lodge. I attended a Lodge a few weeeks since, where an entertainment was being held, and during the evening (up to the time I left, 10.30) there were no less than four kissing games, one of which was "Jacob's Ladder," in my humble opinion the most objectionable and repulsive of all. One reason I always urge is that I object to any other man kissing my wife, and consequently I consider it to be my duty (to her) not to kiss any other female (my mother and daughters excepted).

Bro. C. Sidney M. Leeds, P.W.C.T. and P.D.T., Sittingbourne, writes: I, with many other members in this part of Kent, was deeply disappointed to read in the report of the G.L. proceedings that dressing in character had been so strongly condemned and strictly prohibited by our G.L. legislators. I am glad that the subject of "Kissing Games" is no longer to be linked with character dress. The tendency of kissing games, to say the least, is *not to elevate* our members, or to bring credit on the Order, the honour and prosperity of which we have all so much at heart. But with regard to character dress, what can be said? The G.L. Reps. have sadly *misrepresented* the wishes of our membership in this matter, we have reason to believe. Some time ago our Lodge performed "The Trial of John Barleycorn" in *character dress*. (How dreadful!) We devoted considerable time and anxiety in endeavouring to put it before the public at its best, but we were amply rewarded. We got several new members as a result of our labours. And did these members turn out to be of very little or no use in our Lodge (as some seem to think those are that are attracted by dramatic performances?) Decidedly not. We have proved them to be earnest workers, whose motto is, "War to the knife, and the knife to the hilt." We have many members in our Lodges who probably are not capable of making a speech, but who could and would eloquently denounce the curse of drink in a dramatic performance. Why should such be debarred from giving utterance to their hatred of this legalised traffic and be compelled to hide their talent? I fear if they are treated thus they will go into some other camp whose members are not annoyed and bound down by such tyrannous legislation, and by this means we shall lose some of our most thorough and promising members. I should be very sorry to see anything of a doubtful character presented to the public under the auspices of our Order; but this could be easily prevented by asking permission to perform a piece, of some responsible officer (say the D.C.T.). Surely Grand Lodge will not legislate against the wishes of a large majority of the most earnest and devoted members of our world-wide fraternity?

Bro. J. R. Matthews, P.W.C.T., Anchor Lodge, Carlisle, writes:—Being the originator of the very interesting correspondence on character dress and kissing games, perhaps you will permit me to say a few words in reply. After carefully weighing the evidence adduced by the various writers who denounce the games, I fail to find anything to substantiate their assertions. In fact, their case was entirely broken down. No one has dared to point out a single instance of real immorality as the outcome of those games, and I have the authority of a 15 years' member to prove that not a single case has during that time occurred in this District. I honestly believe that the seventh Commandment is more strictly observed by our members than those of any other organisation that I know. I cannot conceive a more dastardly insult to our sisters than to question their purity because they take part in a kissing game, and I do hope that the next G.L. will see the imperative utility of revoking the obnoxious resolution they passed last Easter week.

Bro. George Dodds, P.G.W.C., writes:—Until I read the letters which have appeared in the Watchword since Grand Lodge Sessions on kissing games, I had no conception whatever that our Order had sunk so low as to depend for success upon the supplying of our Lodges with young girls to be kissed by a lot of thoughtless young men, who will only come to them for that purpose. It appears from Bro. Matthew's statements that his Lodge tries to compete with the frivolities of the race week by permitting kissing in the Lodge as a draw, and that his own daughter, if I understand him correctly, takes part in the games. I wonder they have have not ventured to open an I.O.G.T. Kissing Booth on the Carlisle racecourse, and competed with the tents of the publicans by advertising—"A company of young girls who would take part in the kissing games inside the booth. Admission 6d. each. The entertainment to be continued after the races are over in the Lodge-room." Another brother says, "I fear the declension

will continue now that the Grand Lodge has prohibited kissing games in our Lodges." To be serious in this matter I fear that the very publication of these letters in our official organ will have such an effect upon thoughtful mothers who would not on any account submit their daughters to such an ordeal as to be kissed by any young man who might choose to do so, as to prevent their dear girls from joining our Order, and quite right they would be in so doing; better keep them at home under their own care and protection and away from such dubious entertainments. But is it really true as Bro. A. G. Hemsley asserts, that our Order will decline, now "that the Grand Lodge has prohibited kissing games"? We have strong evidence to the contrary in the letter of Bro. J. W. Johnson, P.W.C.T., Carlisle. He agrees with Bro. Matthews that the Order has been decreasing, but the decrease is mainly owing to the fact that those "idiotic kissing games have been allowed to exist so long in our Lodges." Bro. Johnson supports the statement by the following evidence, viz.:—"In 1879, before kissing games took such a prominent part in our Order, East Cumberland could boast of having 21 Lodges with a total membership varying from 900 to 1,000. In 1886 with those kissing games to the front, East Cumberland has only 11 Lodges, with a membership of about 500, and deeply deplores the loss of half their Lodges and half their members." Again "in 1880 a Lodge named the Good Templars' Home, in Carlisle, was commenced for the purpose of carrying on these games, and they gamed themselves out of existence in about two months, never making a return." These, says he, are positive facts, and "Facts are shields that win a day, and dare not be disputed." My own opinion is (and my opinion is based upon 50 years' experience as a worker in the Temperance cause), that if we intend our beloved Order to be a grand success, we must make our Lodges what all such places for the education of our young men and women in true Temperance principles, ought to be "a home away from home"; a place where parents can with confidence trust their sons and daughters, feeling sure that no indiscreet actions of any kind will be found in connection with our Order, professedly based upon Christian principles, and Christian teaching. If we fail to secure such confidence, depend upon it we shall not have the support of a large class of people who ought to be our strength and our support in the glorious warfare we have entered upon. Finally, brothers and sisters, permit a word of admonition from one who had watched with all a parent's fondness the rise and progress of the Temperance cause in our beloved country, and is jealous lest anything should be done to impair the beauty of our Order, or impede the progress of the deliverance of our homes from England's greatest curse—the drink traffic.

BRO. JAMES MACHIN, L.D., Buralem, writes:—I think that more harm is being done by the decision of the Grand Lodge, and the critics who object to character dress, than by the reality of the dress itself. Of course, it should be understood that all our entertainments are strictly confined to Temperance pieces, of which there is no lack. Not for one moment do I believe in the nigger repartee. Our Order is an elevating one, and it may be very well for those Lodges who have only members of some religious denomination connected with them to carp at character dress, but let such members try in reality to rescue the fallen, let them visit the drunkard's home, as we have done, kindly inviting them to come and join us, and they will soon find that they must either provide counteracting pleasures to the public-house, or they won't long retain them. Man is a sociable being, and you have to take into consideration his surroundings. What will do for one locality will not always suit another. It wants leaving an open question; no scheme can be brought forward but what opposition will be offered to it from some quarter. For my own part, as an abstainer of more than 37 years, I do not wish for a change, but I am looking to the dissatisfaction of others. Even in our own Lodge it is only kindness that prevents a rupture and the losing of some members by this vexed question; and if the leading officers were in the same mind as some of the members, the Lodge would succumb, as already one Lodge has done in our District. If at the Grand Lodge Session a number of reclaimed drunkards could have testified to the dazzling attractions that Boniface uses to entice his victims, I trow that the vote would have been for it to have been left an open question. We live in a land of liberty, and the members think that their rights are interfered with when they cannot get up an entertainment without being subject to a violation, if perchance in a dialogue those who take part in it clothe themselves in any but their own dress.

Bro. G. F. Rackett, jun., W.C.T., Sandown, Isle of Wight, writes:—As to character dress, I should like to ask the Grand Lodge why they publish from time to time in their Ode Books, pamphlets, and GOOD TEMPLAR'S WATCHWORD, lists of dialogues and sketches, which according to the various headings of the same cannot be successfully rendered without character dress, as I have sometimes seen the dialogues headed "Scene," "A shop," characters John so and so, carpenter, &c., &c., or "Scene," a railway station, Joseph so and so, porter, &c., &c. If they are forbidden why publish them in the WATCHWORD? I am no prophet, but owing to these two bye-laws now in force I venture to predict that we shall hear of a heavy loss of members of the Order at the next Grand Lodge Session. There are brothers and sisters in my own Lodge who will bear me out in what I am now going to assert, that in bygone years, before the character dress was forbidden, we used to have most crowded meetings when we had dialogues and sketches in character, but at more recent entertainments, minus pieces in character dress, Temperance meetings and lectures, sometimes we could only get an audience of 40 or 50 in a town of over 3,000 inhabitants. Only a few weeks since we had two most excellent speakers, Bro. Williams, P.D.C.T. of South Hants, and Bro. Rev. W. Rogers, of Woolston, Southampton, who gave two most excellent addresses, worthy of being heard in the largest crowded town hall in England, but only about 50 or 60—not more,—put in an appearance. Yet I venture to say had we got up an entertainment for that evening with dialogues and sketches in character we should have had a crowded house, and should have been benefited numerically and financially. I ask as a member of the Order for 14 years, who have seen the ups and downs of Good Templary, is it fair to members of the Order to bind them with such an iron band that outsiders cannot be reached unless by entertainments of a character which are unjustly forbidden? I answer emphatically, No. The sooner these bye-laws are repealed the better for the membership and the public at large.

POLITICAL ACTION.

E. AND M. SURREY.—The quarterly meeting of the District Political Council was held at the Mission Hall, Ann-street, Waterloo-road, on June 5, Bro. E. Hyde, D.E.Supt., presided at the opening, 6.30 p.m., and was supported by Bros. J. J. Edward, D.S.J.T., J. Woollacott, W.D.T., N. W. Hubbard, P.D.C.T. D.E.Supt.'s spoke of work done, and urging members to do their utmost in the future. After some discussion the report was adopted. The Secretary reported on the appointment of C.Supts. in the district; he also impressed on those present the importance of keeping our policy to the front, especially at this time when every question is likely to be obscured by "Home Rule." Bro. Hodges, treasurer, reported a balance in hand of £4 11s. 6½d. Bro. Lumley, C.S., reported favourably for Rotherhithe and Bermondsey division. A discussion was initiated by Bro. Woollacott on future work, it being suggested that the Council Executive should visit Lodges in the District, similar to the system carried by District Lodge Officers.—Moved by Bro. Hubbard, seconded by Bro. Hodges, "That this Council protests against unjustifiable action of the House of Lords in rejecting the Durham Sunday Closing Bill at its third reading, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Earl Granville, Lord Salisbury, and the Bishop of Durham." Council closed at 9.30.

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INEBRIETY MEDICALLY EXAMINED.

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Society for the Study and Cure of Inebriety, an interesting communication on "The Sanitary Relations of Inebriety," by Dr. T. D. Crothers, of Hartford, Connecticut, United States of America, was read by the secretary. Dr. Crothers in his paper said that the intellectual and physical vigour of a nation depended largely on its vitality. The mortality and disease arising from inebriety laid the burden on the remaining populations heavier by the withdrawal of so much productive power. Inebriety was so invidious and widespread that its sanitary aspect was of the highest importance. Its influence on the public health was evidenced markedly in mortality. At least 60,000 premature deaths were caused every year by it in the United States. Compared with this estimate the mortality from cholera and yellow fever sank into insignificance. The principal period of life when persons were cut off through inebriety was between the ages of 20 and 40, when the greatest value was to be attached to activity and strength. Over 50 per cent. of all the sickness resulted, directly or indirectly, from inebriety. Nervous diseases, paralysis, epilepsy, and apoplexy were largely fed from this source. Besides, it lessened the conserving and resisting powers, so that disease was less easily withstood. Fevers also prevailed more among inebriates, and the mortality among them from that cause was greater than among the rest of the community. Then much of the disease from the unsanitary condition of dwellings was caused by the want of means to secure a good house through extravagant expenditure in liquor. The crimes which flowed from inebriety exceeded those from all other causes. In Canada it was estimated at 98 per cent., in New York City at 80 per cent., and in other places from 50 per cent. upwards. This alone, with the disturbances to society, the destitution, and pauperism were appalling. Inebriety had been called a relic of barbarism surviving in the midst of our civilisation; but it was really our civilisation which was barbaric. Inebriety was felt on the public health, following political, social, or financial revolution. For example, the last "Black Friday" would long be remembered. Insane asylums were barometers in which we read the traces of the storms of inebriety. It sprang from change, excitement, unhealthy surroundings, and was frequently an active cause of the very conditions from which it was recruited. Inebriety, in its effect on public health, was not limited to crime, disease, and poverty. There was the still more grave transmission of the alcoholic taint of a diseased tendency to degradation—physical, moral, and mental. The children of inebriates were bound down by conditions of birth from which their whole life was a struggle to escape. Inebriety could not be cured by enthusiasm, except in a few cases, but by a careful scientific course of treatment; and it was urgently to be hoped that the physically deceased condition of the inebriate would be closely studied, with a view to thorough remedying of the fearful amount of inebriety which saddened our whole surroundings.

THE QUEEN AND THE COCKERMOUTH JUVENILE TEMPLARS.—The following letter was sent to her Majesty the Queen, on the 25th ult.: "I.O.G.T., Cockermouth Castle, Senior Temple, 1,366.—Madame,—Most Gracious Sovereign,—May it please your Majesty,—The members of the Cockermouth Castle Senior Temple, Juvenile Branch of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in Session assembled on this your Majesty's 67th birthday, most respectfully beg to ask your acceptance of our hearty congratulations and sincere wishes that it may please God to spare your Majesty's life long to reign over us. We rejoice that our beloved Queen is the patron of a kindred organisation, and it is no little encouragement to us as boys and girls engaged in Temperance work to know that our beloved Sovereign has been graciously pleased to countenance the cause of Temperance.—I have the honour to be, your Majesty's humble servant, Thomas Tait, Recording Secretary, Kirkgate, Cockermouth, May 24th, 1886." The following reply was received: "General Sir Henry Ponsonby is commanded by the Queen to thank the Cockermouth Good Templars for their letter of the 24th inst.—Buckingham Palace, 27th May, 1886."

WE beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN.

Homerton.—"Chepstow Castle." June 2. "Don't stop away" night. Bro. Gibbs presided; several candidates proposed, and one initiated. Bro. Heal, V.S.J.T., and Bro. Carman, V.S.J.T., spoke on the institution of the Juvenile Temple that evening affiliated to the Lodge. Bro. Insull, P.D.C.T., gave address on the Good of the Order; report of D.L.Rep. (Bro. Wiley) given; refreshments handed round.

Putney.—"Emmanuel." June 3. One candidate admitted as an ancient Templar, and two on c.c.'s. Bros. Taylor, jun., and Knox appointed delegates to discussion held at Channing Lodge. Programme, question box, which proved very interesting.

Balham.—"Welcome Home." May 20. The G.W.C.T.; Circular, and summary of G.L. session read. Bro. Rigg appointed collector for Home Mission Fund. Recitation given by Sister Davies, Daniel Defoe Lodge. The D.L.Rep. gave a very interesting report of District Lodge, which resulted in a discussion, and was well received.—May 27. Entertainment by the juveniles, games, recitations, refreshments &c., being provided; about 40 being present. The S.J.T. gave a very good report as to the strength and finances of the Temple. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Temple closed until August.—June 3. Letters received from Bro. Clack, Underclife Lodge, Ventnor. Programmes sent to all members who have been absent three sessions. The programme for the evening being "Queries by Sisters," answered by brothers, was well sustained.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." June 5. Splendid session; room crowded; 7 degrees conferred on six members; one candidate initiated and five proposed; Bro. Goddard, W.C.T., reported that 25 of the members had paid a most successful visit to the Seven Sisters Lodge on May 31, and had met with a very hearty reception. Bro. Griffith's resolution to form a choral and elocution class by members of the Henry Ansell Lodge only was carried unanimously, and about 30 names were given in to join the same. The programme for the evening was then proceeded with, namely, the Lodge officered and entertained by sisters of the Lodge; Sister Goddard acted as W.C.T.; Sister Griffithe made a very earnest address to the members, and the other sisters delighted the Lodge with their excellent songs and recitations, making a most happy and profitable evening. WATCHWORDS sold.

Cambridge Heath Bridge.—"Artisan." May 15. Reunion of past and present members; although 60 past members had been invited, the attendance was not so large as was anticipated. Refreshments were served at 8.15 p.m. Addresses were delivered by Bro. Lloyd, W.C.T., Bro. Hemsley, L.D., Bro. B. Green, and Mr. Higgins. After a few songs were sung, the meeting terminated by singing the Doxology; when a special session was held in ante-room to re-admit to membership two sisters.—May 24. Discussion upon the Division of Middlesex District, opened by Bro. Hemsley, L.D., in the affirmative; the debate was well sustained by Bros. Lloyd, W. G. Craft, T. G. Craft, Howe and others. The resolution in favour of division was carried. The Rock Lodge entertained in a very creditable manner. The G.W.C.T. circular read, and Grand Lodge Summary discussed.—May 29. Sisters' night. Sister Duck acted as W.C.T. Very pleasant evening.

Loughborough Junction.—"William Tweedie." June 2. Devotional meeting for prayer and praise. Bro. Rolfe, W.C.T., presided, and amongst those who took part were Sister Woodyer, W.C., and Bro. Woollacott, W.Sec. Bro. and Sister Rolfe each gave a sacred song; Sankey's hymns were sung at intervals. It was decided to take no action with regard to invitation from Channing Lodge to attend the meeting to protest against the G.L. action with regard to G.L. entertainments. W.S. gave a reading from the WATCHWORD, and appealed to members to take it in weekly, and offered to provide them with it at the Lodge meetings.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." June 1. Singing contest (sisters'). Good attendance. One initiated. After business open Lodge, when a large number of friends were admitted. The contest was for a prize (workbox) given by Sister LeSage. Sisters Shaw, Munden-Gibbs, Porter, and Nockcles took part, the prize being awarded to Sister Munden, on ballot vote of members. Bro. Gibbs, W.C.T., presided. Pleasant evening spent.

Kingsland.—"Mentor." May 25. Model initiation. One admitted on c.c. Quarterly circular read from G.W.C.T., Sister Lumley, W.C.T.—June 1. Report of D.L. representative adopted. Bro. Crow, L.D.'s, night, it being the 11th anniversary of his initiation into the Lodge. He kindly provided refreshments. Entertained by members and visitors. Bro. Davis, V.D., addressed the Lodge. Very pleasant evening.

Baker-street.—"Alliance of Maryiebone." May 31. Encouraging session; two restored; Bro. Jones, D.E.S., attended and gave his well-known essay, "Teetotalism amongst the Ancients." This was most attentively listened to by a very full Lodge, and at the close, discussion was freely indulged in, after which a special vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Jones.

Clapham-road.—"General Garfield." June 3. Two proposed, one initiated, two received on c.c.; one reinstated. Visit of Bro. Hyde, D.E.S., who presided and gave an address; a few words of encouragement from Bros. Page, V.D., and T. C. Macrow, H.D., brought a very pleasant session to a close at 10 p.m.; 54 present.

Edgware-road.—"Jabez Burns." June 1. Bro. Dickerson, W.C.T., presiding; one member admitted by c.c.; two readmitted; Lodge visited and addressed by Bro. Lieutenant Wawrinsky, G.W.Co., of Sweden, who was asked to convey our fraternal greetings to our brethren and sisters in Sweden. Pleasant session.

Brixton.—"Gresham." June 3. Anniversary celebrated by a tea and public meeting in the Gresham Baptist Chapel. Between 60 and 70 persons sat down to tea, after which a thoroughly successful public meeting was presided over by J. Cobeldick, Esq., of the Lambeth Vestry, and addresses were given by Bros. Winton, G.W.Chap.; Bowen, D.C.T. West End and Pinhorn, D.C.T., E. and M. Surrey. Bro. Venteis, L.D., gave a report of the work done by the Lodge during the five years of its existence, and observed that the Lodge had taken a re-start, and its present Lodge-room would soon be too small for its meeting. Miss Rutz gave an excellent recitation, and during the evening a special session of the Lodge was held, when three candidates were initiated, two proposed, and two others signed the pledged.

Blackfriars-road, S.E.—"Thomas Munday." June 2. Visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., who presided. One candidate initiated. Question box was well sustained; some useful hints thrown out. Good attendance.

Stockwell.—"Stockwell's Hope. June 5. Officered by deputies. Visit of W.D.Co., D.S.J.T., and P.D.C.T. Bro. Hubbard presided. Bro. Lewis, W.D.Ch., moved a resolution condemning the action of the House of Lords in rejecting the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. Pleasant meeting.

New Cut.—"George Thornelos." June 5. Entertainment by members and friends; songs by Bro. Maiden Bro. A. Smith, Sisters Clements, Maiden; recitations by Bro. J. Maiden, W.S., Bro. R. Adams, Mr. A. Donaldson, and the entertainment concluded with a sketch, entitled "Mr. Toddle's Visitors," in which Bro. J. Maiden, Bro. Potkins and Sister Clements took part; about 50 present; WATCHWORDS sold.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." June 4. Officered and entertained by brothers. Reports of G.W.C.T. and D.L. Reps. adopted.

National Green.—"Victoria Park." May 15. Good session; visit of Bro. R. S. Driffield, Geneva Cross Lodge, Malta, who gave an address. Programme, "Shall Ireland have a separate Parliament," opened by Bro. Fisk, G.L.L., and debate well sustained by Bros. Butler, Smith, Gibson, P.D.C.T., O'Brien, and Tugwell.—May 22. Pleasant session; adjourned debate from previous session resumed Bros. Tuton, Wells, Glenshaw, and several others.—May 29. One initiated; Bro. Wiseman elected rep. to meeting of Beaumont Trust scheme; prayer and praise meeting.—June 5. One initiated; D.S. report read by Bro. F. Lawson. Surprise visit from Rock Lodge, Poplar, who officered and sustained W.C.T., Bro. J. Tomkins; songs by Bros. Connor, Jones, Johnson, Mumford, Passager, Walter, and Sister Wilson; recitation, Bro. Layton.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." June 8. Celebration of fourteenth anniversary. An entertainment; chairman, Bro. J. H. Retallack Moloney, W.D.S. Opening address. Report of Lodge by Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D. Handbell ringing, Bro. Rose. Reader and song, Sister Rayner. Bro. Lieutenant Wawrinsky, W.D.C., Sweden Sister Harden, Bro. Brand, W.D.A.S. (New Zealand); Bro. Easton, W.D.A.S.; and Bro. Tysoe, W.D.Ch. (Beds.), contributed to the programme. About 90 present; refreshments supplied; names given in for membership.

Percy-street, W.—"St. James of London." June 3. International songs. Very pleasant session. A goodly number of visitors. WATCHWORDS all sold.

Fulham.—"Victory Won." June 8. Good session. Discussion, "Shall we Advertise in the WATCHWORD?" Addresses were delivered by Bros. Varney, Heath, and Lockwood, the latter giving a brief history of the Order. Resolved to have a social session on Whit Monday.

Chelsea.—"Margaret McCurrey." May 25. Reading by Bro. Shepherd. Long discussion. WATCHWORDS sold.—June 2. Bro. Larking, W.C.T. Short papers. A large number of the members attended the funeral of our late Sister Louisa Moore, who was interred at Brompton Cemetery that afternoon, also a good number from the neighbouring Lodges. Bro. Kimmins, V.D., read the official ceremony at the grave.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." June 3. Report of delegate to United Open-air Mission, decided to hold meetings every Saturday evening during July and August. Bro. Hilton, L.D., chairman of Church Parade Committee, on behalf of four Orphanage reported that the parade would take place in July, and especially urged all members to assist. Sermon at Battersea Baptist Chapel, York-road. Bro. Collins, E.S., gave an interesting and instructive lecture on Elementary Astronomy illustrated by diagrams.

Chelsea. "James McCurrey." June 3rd. Two proposed. Reps. report of D.L. read and adopted. Resolution passed asking Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., to be in his place on Fri day to vote for Mr. Stevenson's amendment to Sir J. Pease's Closing Bill. Vote of sympathy passed to Bro. and Sister Rowe, and Sister Cook, W.Ch., in their bereavement by the loss of their father. Sacred night. Bro. Tearle presided at the pianoforte. Several hymns sung by all present. Solos by Sisters Tearle, Garton; Bros. C. Grigg and Tearle. Prayers by Bros. Colbrat, Tearle and T. W. H. Grigg. Good attendance, and splendid session.

Upper Clapton.—"Upper Clapton." May 24. Visit of Bro. Figg, V.D., who presided. Quarterly circular of the G.W.C.T. read and discussed. Bro. Caston, L.D., announced the receipt of his commission as L.D., which was also read, and article No. 5 was discussed at some length. Programme, Members' Experiences of United Gatherings, very ably carried out.—May 31. Bro. Caston, L.D., presided. Good attendance. Discussion of D.L. report. A brother from the Hand in Hand Lodge, Spalding, Lincolnshire, addressed the Lodge on the Good of the Order, as also did Bro. Davis, V.D.

Stamford street, S.E.—"Channing." June 4. Discussion on the G.L. legislation on kissing games and character dress, at which some 25 Lodges were represented by about 50 delegates, together with a large number of visitors from various Lodges. The following resolution was submitted:—"That this representative meeting of Good Templars, believing the G.L. policy restricting entertainments to be detrimental to the best interests of the Order, hereby protests against the same, and urges upon the G.L. Executive the expediency of suspending or taking immediate steps to obtain the repeal of the laws relating to entertainments, and to give Lodges the power to act without restrictions according to locality, time and circumstances." All present (16 members and 102 visitors) voted, and the resolution was carried, amidst great applause, with four dissentients only.

Camden Town.—"Angel of Mercy." May 26. Visit to the Milton Lodge; good attendance. Bro. Emery, P.W.C.T., in the chair.—May 28, Good session. One proposed for initiation, and one for re-admission. Programme, "Ode practice," the members being led by Bro. Sherwin, W.T., at the harmonium.—June 3. Surprise visit to the Herald of Peace Lodge; 13 members visiting. Bro. Wolfe, E.S., presided.—June 4. Successful session. One initiated, two re admitted, and three on c.c. Seven names handed in for Third Degree, and six for Second. An able paper was ready by Bro. Emery, P.W.C.T., entitled, "Why we don't succeed," which led to a good discussion, Bros. Shipman, Wolfe, White, Lewin, and Sister Shipman taking part. Good attendance. WATCHWORDS on sale.

Holborn.—"London Olive Branch." June 3. Bro. Strong, W.C.T., presided at a large and important gathering of members and visitors, including Bros. Gibson, P.D.C.T., and Tysoe, W.D.Chap., Beds., to hear a paper by Bro. Insull, P.D.C.T., on "The proposed Division of the District Lodge of Middlesex." The paper dealt with both sides of the question. Several members took part in the discussion, but though opposition was invited, and would have been welcomed, none was forthcoming. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Insull concluded an interesting and unanimous meeting.

PROVINCIAL.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." June 4. D.L. Tea Committee's report adopted. Much merriment prevailed, it being Sing a song, recite, read a verse, or pay a penny to Sick Fund, every member taking part or paying the penny.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.—"Glorious Prospect." May 31. Bro. S. Stevenson, W.C.T. Programme: Sisters' Night. A first-rate entertainment being given of readings, recitations, and songs by Sisters M. Stevenson, C. Taylor, E. Nicholls, M. A. Peach, and S. J. Nunney. Initiated two, and re-admitted one. Lodge looking up.

SWINDON.—"Anchor of Swindon." May 24. Bro. Jones, W.C.T. Second Degree conferred on six. One proposed.—May 31. Circular of G.W.C.T. read, and summary of G.L. session by Bro. G. H. Bendy, L.D. One initiated. Question box—several interesting questions were placed in the box and answered by Bros. Jones, Green, Bendy, T. Peart and Russell. Very pleasant session.

NOTTINGHAM.—"John Mackintoch." May 29. Celebration of the 14th anniversary in Beaconefield-street Board school with a public tea and a public meeting afterwards. Both proved very successful. Stirring addresses from the resident ministers and others, winding up with an earnest exhortation by Bro. Mear, V.D., to unite with us to stem the tide of intemperance.

DEVONPORT.—"James Teare." May 31. A very pleasant meeting. Bro. P. Taylor, W.C.T., presided. The Tea Committee paid the Lodge 19s. profit on the tea and a further sum of 12s. paid into the funds which enabled the Lodge to declare itself out of debt.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morice Town." June 2. Bro. R. Moyse presided and a very pleasant evening was spent by songs and addresses by Bros. Wylde, Cooper, Christie, and Chappell, of the Protector Lodge, Portsmouth.

PLYMOUTH.—"Truth and Grace." June 1. Visit of the Workman's Rest Lodge of Devonport; Bro. J. C. McLean, of the Medical Staff Corps, presiding, and a pleasant evening was spent in songs, readings, &c., by Bros. Taylor, Dunlea, and Davis, and Sister Ashbury. Thanks to the visitors closed a very happy gathering.

DEVONPORT.—"Gordon Memorial." June 4. Bro. Corporal Fox, W.C.T., presided. Four initiated, standing committees appointed, and report of D.L. Reps. presented and adopted.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." June 5. Bro. J. G. McLean, W.C.T., presiding, and the W.C.T. being responsible for Good of the Order, he had provided a good entertainment of songs, readings, recitations in which the following took part: Sister Christie, Bros. Taylor, Toope, Christie, Parkes, Sister Taylor. Bro. Saville, of the Star of the Channel Lodge, gave a very earnest address.

SALFORD.—"Hope of St. Bartholomew." May 12. Fair attendance. Two initiated. Election of officers:—W.C.T., Bro. F. D. Sherratt (fourth time); W.V.T.,

Sister S. Smith; W.Sec., Bro. Bowers, jun. (re-elected). Installed by Bro. J. Handley, L.D.—May 19. One admitted by c.c. Several visitors present. Pleasant session. G.W.C.T.'s circular read and referred (with G.L. summary) to Good of Order Committee. D.L. Rep's report read and accepted.—May 26. One admitted on c.c. Several visitors present.—June 2. Two initiated. Arrangements made for transference to new meeting-room by next sessions (Woodbine-street Bible Christian School). Good of Order Committee's report on G.W.C.T.'s circular and G.L. summary read and accepted with thanks. Songs by Sister Smith, W.V.T., and Bros. Austin and N. Bowers. Addresses by Bros. Thompson and R. Bowers, sen., W.Ch.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Safeguard." June 3. Report of D.L.Rep. (Bro. Dence) given. Bro. Decks reported that the United Outing Committee suggested that they should go by boat to Southend on August Bank Holiday. Very pleasaot session spent; about 57 present.

CAVENDISH.—"Excellence." June 3. Open Lodge, when an interesting service of song, entitled "For Harry's Sake," was given by members, and the readings by Bro. T. J. Pattenden to a good audience. The service lasted nearly two hours, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

BATH.—"Cotterell." May 5. Election and installation.—May 12. Paper by Bro. H. G. Webber, W.T.S., conductor Bath contingent C.P. choir, entitled, "Music, its objects and mission."—May 19. Entertained by newly-elected officers.—May 26. Paper by Bro. C. Blatchford, W.C.T., "Scenes in Canadian Life."

TORQUAY.—"Queen of the West." May 13. Anniversary tea and public meeting. Good attendance. Profit realised. Bro. J. Hole in the chair. Speakers, Bros. Parr, D.C.T., and Casley, W.D. Report by W.Sec. very satisfactory; increase of nine on the year. Reading in the Cornish dialect by Bro. W. Jarvis, L.D.; Bro. J. Hole, reading; duet, Sister Stafford and Jarvis; concertina solo, Bro. Richards. Very enjoyable evening.

STONE.—"Faith and Hope." This Lodge has lately passed through a time of anxiety. On the 7 March last, the fire which destroyed the chapel not only burnt the roof off of the school-room in which the Lodge usually met, but consumed the Lodge harmonium, regalia, &c. Steps were at once taken—another meeting-room obtained (through the kindness of the vicar of Christ Church)—a new harmonium was presented to the Lodge. New regalia, &c., costing £6 17s., were bought (a levy being made upon the membership), and things generally were dealt with in a speedy and businesslike manner. No Lodge session was missed, and the Lodge is still working as well as, even if not better, than before. The numbers at present in good standing are 90 brothers, 45 sisters, 135. The Secretary's report for the last quarter shewed an average attendance of 63. The balance in hand on April 30 (after paying for the regalia, &c.), was 8s. 4d. Bro. G. J. Lee was appointed W.C.T., and Bro. F. Lovelock, W.Sec. for the current quarter. On Easter Tuesday a ten meeting was held, the efforts of the Lodge being supplemented by the evening by a service of song, "River Singers," given by the Wesleyan choir, assisted by friends. The Rev. A. Pearman, curate of Christ Church, presided, and the Rev. J. Boulton, Wesleyan minister, officiated as reader. The volunteer rifle band also gave their services. The profits (£6 3s.) were given to the Chapel Restoration Fund.

KEIGHLEY.—"Reformation." June 3. Condensed report of G.L. was again read and considered. Wild flower bouquet contest by members; the following took prizes: 1st, Bro. Daniel; 2nd, Sister Edmondson; 3rd, Bro. A. E. Brooke. At the conclusion the flowers were sold and the receipts given to the Lodge funds.

WIMBLEDON.—"Reformation." May 27th. Good of the Order Committee appointed. Open Lodge at 8.45, at which the subject discussed was "The best way to help the Temperance Cause in Wimbledon as a Lodge and individually." Bros. Price, Harden, Chittleburgh, Jennings, Marshall, Frost, and Humphreys took part in an interesting discussion. The members decided to do their best individually to help in out-door Temperance mission work, during the summer.—June 3. Praise meeting at 8.45. Bro. W. H. Humphreys, W.C.T., presided. Bro. Harden opened with prayer and many of Sankey's hymns were sung by the members, led by Bro. Pritchett at the American organ kindly lent by Bro. and Sister Love, Mr. Mercer, City missionary, gave a short address full of encouragement, and stated how pleased he would be with the help of the members at his open-air meetings in the Broadway. The best wishes of the meeting were tendered to Bro. and Sister Harden, on the occasion of their marriage, who, after suitably responding, presented each one present with a piece of wedding cake. Duets were sung by Sisters Harden and Thomas, and Love and Coleman; solo by Sister Miss Cooke.

NOTTINGHAM.—"Anchor and Hope." The following resolution has been adopted:—That we condemn the action of the G.L. in reaffirming the hye-laws prohibiting character dress performances in connection with our Order, and in prohibiting kissing games. [Please write only on one side of the paper.]

WINCHESTER.—"City of Winchester." June 2. Lodge opened by P.W.C.T. Four initiated; two proposed. Bro. Phillips proposed a resolution of condolence to Bro. and Sister Goodyear in their sad loss of a beloved brother in Burmah. Bro. Parker bade farewell to the Lodge for a time and wished us every success. Military brother from Alton gave short address. Bro. Goodyear gave greeting of Life Boat Lodge, Sydney, Australia, and Spring Valley Lodge, San Francisco. Programme of evening: Pound night and social gatherings; ample justice was done; sent by worthy brothers and sisters. Several songs and recitations made up a very pleasant evening.

DONCASTER.—"Perseverance." June. The following motion was adopted: "That, in the opinion of this Lodge, the legislation by Grand Lodge dealing with 'kissing games' is the result of a panic and newspaper agitation, and we believe Grand Lodge might have been more usefully employed than by passing tyrannical laws; that the curtailment of the liberty to perform Temperance pieces in character at meetings connected with the Order is against the wishes of a majority of the sub-Lodge membership, and ought not to have been enacted by G.L. without the matter being first fairly placed before Sub-Lodges."

WOKINGTON.—"Crystal Wave." May 4. One hundred members to commence quarter with. Two initiated; two restored. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. John Nicholas; W.V.T., Sister Isabella Hughes; W.S., Bro. John Bower.—May 11. Two initiated; officers entertained; address by Bro. Nicholas.—May 18. Sisters provided entertainment; splendid session; 70 present.—May 25. Pound and parcel night; good programme, well rendered; ample justice done to confectionery, &c.—June 1. The Lifeboat Juvenile Temple instituted, as recorded in another column.

ATTERCLIFFE.—"British Workman." June 2. The following resolution was, after full and free debate, carried unanimously:—"That this Lodge strongly disapprove of the action taken by the G.W.C.T. in getting the stringent bye-law on character dress and kissing games passed at last G.L. session for immediate operation before the Lodges had been consulted on so important a matter, and hereby call upon the G.L. Executive to suspend the operation of this obnoxious rule till the membership have considered and expressed their wish on the subject."

GOSPORT.—"Forton Star of Hope." June 4. Two initiated and two others proposed. The B. B. Star Lodge visited in good numbers. A capital programme was gone through, with Bro. W. E. Smith in the chair. A pleasant evening was spent, and we are glad to say that the interest of our Order has not died out in Gosport. Bro. Patrick, V.D., also visited. The Juvenile Temple in connection with this Lodge is in a flourishing condition; six new members were initiated at the last meeting.

HUDDERSFIELD.—"Home Mission." June 1. Miscellaneous entertainment; public admitted. Bro. Daniels, P.W.C.T., presided. After a few words from the chairman, 12 members of the Temperance band, conducted by Mr. Jessop, rendered a good programme, which is of too great a length to admit of inserting. Votes of thanks to the chairman, and to all who had taken part in the entertainment, followed by the audience singing the National Anthem, brought an interesting and profitable meeting to a close.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—"Saffron." May 25. Third anniversary meeting. Seventy members of the Order from Cambridge, 40 from Haverhill, and others from Chelmsford, Stratford, Bristol, &c., were present. The friends arrived in the town at 4 o'clock, by several brakes, &c., and after seeing the sights, &c., met at the Temperance Hall, at 6.30, where a capital repast was served. After having done ample justice to all the good things provided, the visitors and members of the Saffron Lodge, in all to the number of about 150, formed into procession wearing regalia, marched round the town singing Temperance hymns and delivering short addresses on the way. At 8 o'clock a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, where a capital programme was performed. Bro. Hutchinson, W.C.T., presided; addresses were delivered by Bro. Dr. Hart, of St. John's College, Cambridge; Bro. the Rev. W. A. Guttridge, M.A., Bros. Dixon and Collings, also of Cambridge, and Bro. Watson, of Bristol; recitations by Bro Unwin, of Haverill; glees, solos, &c., by the Haverill Temperance Choir. Several hymns were sung by the choir on the platform, and by the audience. At the close of the meeting the friends again adjourned to the Temperance Hall, where tea, coffee, &c., was served. This Lodge numbers 78 members in good standing.

DONCASTER.—"White Rose." June 2. The following resolutions were carried: "In the opinion of the members of this Lodge, the resolution framed at last G.L. session with regard to kissing games is a gross infringement of the personal liberty of the members, and such measures, we believe, tend to weaken rather than strengthen our Order. We regret the G.L. had not something better to do than discuss such a matter, as we believe it was the outcome of a needless and worthless newspaper correspondence, and that such a rule should not be framed before consulting the membership." "In the opinion of the members of the above Lodge, the bye-law with regard to character dress ought to be amended, so as to exclude all but Temperance pieces."

DONCASTER.—"Ray of Light." Resolution adopted, "That, in the opinion of this Lodge the motion carried by such an overwhelming majority at the annual Grand Lodge session relative to character dressing and kissing games is too strict a measure to be adopted."

LEATHERHEAD.—"Perseverance." April 15. Visited by Hugh Bourne, Hope of Norbiton, and Kingston Guiding Star Lodges. The visitors officered and entertained in an admirable manner. One initiated. The visitors were provided with refreshments.—April 22. Bro. Pollard recommended for L.D. and Bro. Snelling for L.L.S. Programme Committee for coming quarter appointed. Bro. Denyer recommended S.J.T. and Bro. Cumber A.S.J.T.—April 29. Returns made; tax paid. After business, recess for open session. Refreshments were provided for members and friends. Enjoyable session. One proposed.—May 6. Election of officers. Bro. Hewett, W.C.T.; Sister A. Hewett, W.V.T.; and Denyer, W.Sec.—all re-elected. One initiated.—May 13. Officers were installed by Bro. Leach, V.D. Bro. Denyer presented the Lodge with a Bible stand, and Bro. Leach gave us some good advice and encouragement. Greetings exchanged with Portsdown Lodge, per Bro. Hewett.—May 20. L.D. read G.W.C.T. official notices. Bye-laws Committee appointed. Greeting exchanged with Dorking Star of Hope Lodge, per Bro. Denyer. Several good songs and recitations were then given.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—"Hope of Woodbridge." June 2. Public meeting and coffee supper, Bro. Dr. Buscher presided. An excellent programme was given in which the following took part: Bro. Steel, Bro. Barker, Bro. W. J. Read. A juvenile choir rendered good service, as did also the I.O.G.T. String Band. A feature was the quartette "Good Templar's Song," specially composed by Bro. Dr. Buscher, and sung by the adult choir. Sister N. Read officiated at the organ. A most successful meeting.

CATERHAM.—"Pioneers." May 19. Open Lodge; chairman, Bro. Wyeth, W.C. Very encouraging meeting; best open Lodge for some time past. Duets by Sisters Bristow and Hales, Searle and Owen, Bros. Kneller and Borer. Part song by Sisters Davies, Searle, Symes, Owen and James, Bros. Kneller and Pateman. Dialogue by Sister Symes and Bro. Kneller. Readings and recitations by Sisters Bristow and Longhurst, Bros. Kneller, Gill and Cutler. Bro. Wyeth gave an address on duty of the Order. Collection in aid of the Lodge.—May 26. Question-box. Questions fairly answered and discussed. One new member initiated. A Good Templar Parliament has been formed in connection with the Lodge. A cabinet formed, and Caterham divided into eight divisions, each division represented by two members of the Lodge. Bills brought forward:—1. Sunday Closing (Caterham), and "Liquor Traffic Direct Local Veto" (Caterham). Good speeches and discussion on the Bill for "Sunday Closing" (April 17), discussion adjourned. "Liquor Traffic Direct Local Veto" Bill.—June 2. Sister Hickmott admitted by c.c. from Reigate Lodge. Increase of five members on last quarter; pushing on steadily, C. Kneller, W.C.T., Sister Bristow, W.V.T., Bro. Cutler, W.Sec."

NORWICH.—"City of Norwich." June 2. Experiences were given by Bros. Austin, Porter, Mann, Doubleday, Stockings, Herring, and Sisters Fisher and Thorpe. Bro. F. Colman read a letter from Bro. Corporal Winton, G.W.C. of the Grand Lodge of Madras, India, and formerly of this Lodge, sending his fraternal greetings to the Lodge, and congratulating the Lodge to the great success it had attained. Greetings of the like nature were expressed by all the members. Sent by Bro. Colman. Two new members were initiated, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—"Tower of Refuge." June 1. Good attendance; captains' reports; report of S.J.T.; reports adopted; two candidates initiated; Bro. David Gavin, D.S.J.T., was present.

DRIFFIELD.—"Hope of Driffield." June 4. Sisters' entertainment, presided over by Sister Sanderson, D.V.T.; refreshments provided; a most enjoyable session. Sunday afternoon, June 6, Temperance service to a very large gathering by the Rev. C. Spivey.

RICHMOND-ON-THAMES.—"Star of Richmond Hill." June 7. Official visit of Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co., who presided. A useful discussion on those old topics, "How to improve our Lodge," and "How to retain the interest of the members"; suggestions by Bro. Dimbleby, Fill and others.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." June 3. One initiated; Bro. T. B. Davies read a paper on "Tobacco," in which he gave a full description of its chemical constituents, and its physiological effects, contending that its use is highly injurious to the physical, mental, and moral faculties. A discussion followed, most of the speakers being in favour of Bro. Davies' contentions. Good session.

LEEDS.—"Priestly United." June 1. Bro. Joseph Shaw, W.D.Co., addressed the members on "Alcohol and Food"; good attendance.—June 5. Anniversary tea and meeting, when about 120 eat down to a ham and tongue tea; after the tables were cleared, a short meeting was held under the presidency of Bro. Nightingale, late of Golden Stream Lodge, London. The report of the Lodge for the first year was read by the L.D., Bro. J. C. Thomas, which shewed a membership of 47, and an income for the year of £9 12s. 3½d., and an expenditure of £9 4s. 8d.; Bro. E. Ablett, W.D.M., spoke on the report and good of the Order, as also did Bro. Atkinson; recitations and songs by Sister P. Newton, Bros. J. Smith, E. Spencer, W.C.T., and T. Earnshaw; a profit of about £1 will be cleared for the fund.

BEDFORD.—"Sir William Harpur." May 3. Election and installation of officers; good contests; considerably over 1,200 votes being cast for the elective officers by about 60 Lodge members: W.C.T., Bro. E. G. Capon, W.Sec.; W.V.T., Sister Kent; W. Sec., Bro. W. Pilgrim.—May 10. House of Commons night; bill under discussion was "Prohibition of sale of intoxicating Drink to Children." Opened by Bro. Spratt, P.W.C.T., who was followed by Bros. Heath, A. Smith, Wildman, Gill, Perry, and Pilgrim; seven candidates initiated.—May 17. Second Degree conferred on 10 members; visit of Bro. Westcherill, C.C.T., Oxford; two initiated.—May 24. Sacred evening; prayer reading and G.T. hymns; four candidates initiated.—May 31. Public meeting; visit of Bro. S. J. Southwood, D.C.T., Beds., who delivered an admirable lecture on "The first editor of the *British Workman*."

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore.—June 5. The programme being Mystery night the various articles contributed by members were disposed of by auction by Bro. Gibbon, W.D.Treas., the value being named of each parcel, but buyers having the option of bidding more to benefit the Lodge funds. The sales realised 13s. 2d. Bro. Tolton, D.C.T., the W.C.T. of the Lodge, presided. Bro. Edwards, G.W.Co., was present and addressed the Lodge; also Bro. Hesketh, D.C.T.

BLACKBURN.—"Star of Blackburn." June 3. Sisters officered and entertained. Sister Percival in the chair. Songs by Sisters Percival and Battersby; duet by Sister Mowbray and Tell; recitation by Sister Farsworth. A brother offered to give at an early date a service of song in aid of the Lodge funds.

HALSTEAD.—"Home." June 3. Bro. J. B. Finch, D.S.J.T., presided, and gave an earnest address, shewing what a Good Templar ought to be, and also advocating the claims of Juvenile Temples over Bands of Hope.

HETTON DOWNS.—"Crystal Water." June 3. Pleasant session. Summary of Grand Lodge was read and discussed.—June 5. Special Session, when Bro. George

Blenkinsop, L.D., conferred the Second Degree on three brothers and one sister. Settled to have a trip to Deneholme during June.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." L.D. communication read concerning a visit from Bro. Captain Phipps, R.N., P.D.C.T. The secretary was instructed to write to Dartmouth and Newton Lodges inviting them to come. The D.L. digest was read and discussed. It was resolved that arrangements be made for the visit of the G.W.C.T. on the 28th inst. Programme for the evening was reading from the WATCHWORD and *Juvenile Templar*. Several brothers and sisters took part. The L.E.S., Bro. Satterford, reported to the Lodge that he had received his commission.

EXETER.—"Matthew the Miller." June 3. Anniversary coffee supper. A good many present. Capital evening. Several songs, recitations, addresses, &c., were given. One admitted on the 4th.

BRADFORD.—"Manningham Volunteers.' May 17. A well selected programme of songs, duets, readings, recitations, &c., was given, under the supervision of Bro. J. Hey. The pieces were all very creditably rendered. One feature of the programme (which caused a deal of amusement) was the "Old Maids," which was sung by Sisters Annie Askham and Emily Eyeroft.—May 24. One initiated. Visited by several of the Bradford and Alpaca Lodges. Donations to the Lodge funds were handed in by Sisters Annie Askham and Annie Turnley and Bro. M. Shepherd.—May 31. This being brothers surprise night the brothers presented to the Lodge a new Charter handsomely framed. The best thanks of the sisters was given to the brothers for the handsome present they had made to the Lodge. Our Lodge is still progressing and the members all seem to take an interest in its welfare.

DONCASTER.—"White Rose." May 27. One restored. Programme. Ice-cream and biscuits. During the evening an excellent programme was rendered by Sisters Senior, Abbott and Martin, and Bros. H. Marshall, Pearce, Reddish, Firth and Hudson.—June 2. Two initiated and three proposed. Discussions on "Character Dress" and "Kissing Games," led by L.D. Lodge resolved to appeal against the recent decisions arrived at at last G.L. session. Programme: Every member to read, sing, or recite, or find one named, brought out a lot of fresh talent, and the programme was well carried out. A brother from Lincoln spoke a few words of encouragement. WATCHWORDS taken at all sessions.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." June 5. Songs, Sister Parker, Bro. Lekeux, Parker, and Deane; readings, Bro. Blowfield and Powell; recitations, Bro. Powell, jun., Gargan, and Sister Hitchcock; addresses, Bro. Chewter, P.D.C.T., and Bro. Frost. One initiated.

MANCHESTER.—"National Union." April 29. Election of officers: Bro. W. A. Hughes, W.C.T.; Sister Perrit, W.V.T.; and Bro. McKirley, W.Sec. (all re-elected.—May 6. The W.Sec.'s report—a very good one—showed an increase of 20 members on the quarter; coffee and buns provided at 2d. each.—May 13. Visit of Woodward Excelsior. After a few remarks by Bro. Hargreave, W.C.T., the visitors entertained in an excellent manner; refreshments provided.—May 20. Brother's surprise night, Bro. J. G. Telton, D.C.T., was present, and gave some encouraging words about Templar work; afterwards a small present was given to the sisters.—May 27. Visit of Peter Spencer Lodge, a very enjoyable night was spent in songs and recitations; coffee and buns, &c.

NAVAL.

PORTSMOUTH. — "Pride of the Navy" June 1. After some considerable discussion, it was decided to remove to the New Protestant Hall, an imposing structure in one of the principal thoroughfares, and the hall being occupied on Tuesday evenings, it was found necessary to alter the night of the session to Thursday. Resolved that the name of a brother in straightened circumstances be retained on the Lodge book free of charge so long as he is not in a position to pay his dues. Greetings of May Blossom, and other Lodges, &c., reports of the progress being made towards the institution of the Lodges on board H.M.S. Volage and Collossus."

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White, and Blue." June 5. Two initiated. Notice of motion given that this Lodge transfer to either Military or Mid-Kent Districts to stand over for a fortnight. Greetings brought from Satellite Lodge, Gravesend, and Hope of Shoeburyness Lodge. Bro. Davey, W.D.S., announced he had received a letter from G.W.C.T. asking him to furnish the names of any brothers in the district who took part in the Soudan campaign as G.Lodge intended to take some action in rewarding the brothers.

PORTSMOUTH.—A Lodge was instituted at Bro. Baldoys, Al Bakery, Commercial-road, on Saturday, June 5, which will be located on board H.M.S. Colossus. Bro. W. G. Peters, H.D., was the instituting officer, and a most pleasant and profitable evening was spent. A good attendance of visitors being present, some very encouraging words were given to the officers and members of the Lodge.

MILITARY.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." June. Bro. John Checkley presided. Five admitted. Others proposed. Letter read from Bro. Checkley, and read by Bro. Bromley, L.D., under the Good of the Order, referring to the duties in the Order. Bro. George also addressed the meeting with an excellent address. After a short recess for coffee and cake, Bro. Bromley installed the W.C., Sister Moseley, and treasurer, Bro. Hooper.

BELGIUM.

ANTWERP.—"Britannia." June 1. Public meeting; Bro. Hartley, W.C.T., presided. Earnest addresses by Bro. Hitchens, Ham, and Captain Jewitt, a former member of the Order. Readings by Bros. Gould and Grant, songs by Bro. Boyce and Sister Philipps. Good attendance, very pleasant evening. At the close two English seamen and one Belgian gentleman signed the pledge.

DEGREE TEMPLE.

MANCHESTER.—"City of Manchester," June 3. A strong working committee was elected (with Bro. G. Hedges as sec.) to organise a series of out-door and other mission work during the summer months. The various Lodges in the area will be cordially invited to assist, by promoting public meetings and otherwise supporting the committee in this most important work.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." June 1. Solos and pleasant session. Number of Hoyle's hymns sung. Solos, duets, &c., with recitations interspersed. Decided to have a "Bat and Ball Club," to include amusements both for the brothers and sisters. Pleasant session spent.

HALSTEAD.—The "Lifeboat" Temple was launched on June 3, by the D.S.J.T., Bro. Josiah L. Finch, with 37 juvenile and 25 adult members; a good crew of 62 to start with. Bro. George Mayes, jun., is Superintendent and a good beginning has been made.

HOMERTON.—On June 2 a Temple, called The Nelson, was instituted, and affiliated to the Chepstow Castle Lodge, by Bro. D. J. Carman, V.S.J.T., assisted by Bro. Heal, V.S.J.T., Sister Bardsley, S.J.T., and Sister Mrs. Fisk, A.S.J.T. Deputations from the Hackney Mission and Pride of Homerton Temples took part; 33 juveniles were initiated, and four adults. Bro. Ruffells, W.Chap., is the S.J.T.; and Bro. Eve, A.S.J.T. Short practical addresses given by Bros. Carman and Heal, and Sister Fisk. The Temple augurs well for the future, it having a thoroughly well organised Executive Committee.

MANCHESTER.—"Tower of Hope." June 1. Good attendance. Members served with coffee and buns kindly supplied by Bro. Christian, S.J.T., at his own expense. Visited by Bro. David Gavin, D.S.J.T., and Bro. Sheldon, P.V.S.J.T.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White, and Blue." May 31. Three initiated. Visit of Tried and Won Temple, who officered and entertained. A very good programme gone through. During the evening the children were supplied with coffee and buns. Very pleasant session spent. About 130 present.

STRATFORD, E.—"Sunshine." June 4. Anniversary tea at the Workman's Hall, West Ham-lane. Seventy children sat down and made a good tea; after which they had some parlour games in the yard at the back of Hall; there was a recitation contest and solo contest; 26 competitors. Prizes were awarded for reciting to Sister K. Aiger, A. Roberts, A. Lee, F. Edwards, A. Harris, E. Johnson, E. Kendrick, Bro. Scott, Bro. Davidge. For solos, Sisters Scott and Simpson.

WORKINGTON. — A Temple named the Lifeboat was opened on June 1, by Bro. R. Sands, jun., D.S.J.T. The Derwent View Juveniles attended, and took a leading part in the ceremonies. They were accompanied by Sister Cornette, S.J.T., and Bro. M. Salter, H.D. After the opening ceremony 23 juvenile and 13 honorary members were initiated. Officers were then chosen and installed by Bro. Sands, Bro. Salter acting as Installing Marshal, with Bro. John Nicholas, W.C.T., of the Crystal Wave Lodge, as Deputy. The principal officers appointed were as follows:—Superintendent, Bro. John Bower; Assistant Superintendent, Sister S. J. Thomlinson; Secretary of Executive, Bro. John Watson. Bro. Sands addressing the meeting, said it gave him great pleasure to institute this Temple. It was an institution that had long been wanted at Workington, and he was glad it had been started at last. He was confident of its success, and hoped it would soon become the best Temple in the District. He was pleased to inform them that, to commence with, they had the highest number of honorary members in the District. He could not help but feel an extra interest in this Temple, as it was the first he had had the pleasure of instituting since his appointment to the District Superintendency. Bro. M. Salter also gave an address.

SALFORD.—"Pride of Ordsal." May 5. The S.J.T. (Bro. Sherratt) announced prize winners for past quarter. Large attendance and plenty of competition for offices; installed by S.J.T.—May 12. Committees appointed and songs, recitations, &c., given; Bro. Ryall granted a certificate to join adult Lodge.—May 19. Forty present; three initiated, and Bro. A. C. Stokoe, L.D., admitted as honorary member, and gave a very interesting address.—May 26. Large attendance; prizes for past quarter (10 for attendance, one for bringing most members, and three good conduct) presented by Bro. D. Gavin, D.C.Sec.; sweets, &c., handed round; songs, recitations, &c.; very enjoyable meeting.—June 2. Official visit of Bro. D. Gavin, D.S.J.T., who briefly addressed the members; three initiated; recitations, &c.; S.J.T. announced change of room and night, and urged all members to be present next Tuesday and bring absentees and candidates. Temple progressing favourably.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." May 25. Room crowded with members and friends. Five proposed. G.S.J.T.'s circular read. It was decided to reform the Cricket Club in connection with the Temple. The children gave a long miscellaneous entertainment and a pleasant evening was spent.—May 31. Four proposed. New programme distributed, after which the children were rehearsed for the forthcoming entertainment to be given by the Temple, entitled "Try your Best." Good number of parents present.

WINCHESTER.—"Hope of the Future." Eight children joining, swelling the number to 68 in five sessions. The S.J.T., Bro. Hooper, addressed the children, and several little Temperance ditties were given.

FINSBURY PARK,—"Mizpah." June 1. Re-opening of Temple under new management; very interesting session. After business the members were entertained with refreshments and singing, &c., by honorary members. The good attendance was very encouraging. This Temple is now affiliated with the Seven Sisters Lodge.

BAD BLOOD.

A FEW PLAIN WORDS ON A SUBJECT OF WHICH THE PUBLIC IS IGNORANT.

Can't you understand why you always feel so dull, tired and weary, at this season of the year?

It is not to be wondered at that you can't.

Thousands are just as much perplexed by it as you are. It is a fact, too, that if this feeling is not gotten rid of, the summer will break you down completely, and bring on chronic disease, suffering, and death.

Now, then, listen a few minutes, and we will tell you all about it, in very simple phrase and words.

We have about 10 quarts of blood in the average-sized man. It is constantly undergoing change, and is manufactured from the food we daily consume by a chemical process Nature has. She selects only that portion which, after digestion, is found to be proper, and takes it up by a tube called the thoracic duct, emptying it into the large vein, near the left collar bone, from which it is at once carried to the kidneys to be strained of all the deleterious matter which is left by the bowels.

If the kidneys are in healthy condition, the blood is in an absolutely pure state, contains all the elements for repairing waste, returns at once to the heart, and is thrown by that organ to every part of the living body, to give up its nourishment and take up all the worn-out material.

Contrary to the general belief, the liver is not a blood-purifying organ; its purpose is only for nutrition and digestion and it secretes daily many pounds of bile, some being used in digestion and nutrition, and the balance as a cathartic.

Now, after being housed up all winter, with meat largely composing the diet for the purpose of producing heat, the liver increases one-third of its supply of bile, and in the spring, nature not having use for the excess, it is thrown into the blood, carried to the skin (for it must be got rid of in some way) and causes that condition known as "bilious," when the person is dull, lethargic, restless, well to-day and half sick to-morrow; because the blood is loaded with this substance, which is just as foreign to it as so much dirt or corruption, and poisons the entire body, making your blood impure. You know there is something out of gear, and the natural impulse is to take cathartics—but drastic cathartics do not remove the cause—they make matters worse.

You ask, why? Because, my friend, the liver is a sluggish, lethargic organ that cannot be relieved of any ailment except by medicine which acts upon it in a quiet, easy manner, producing permanent effects, and assisting, not goading its normal action. The kidneys do the purifying. Always remember that! No other organ in the body can take their place in this respect, and they attend to over 9,000 hogsheads of blood in a year! Think of it, and wonder that they are able to do so large an amount of work!

A healthy kidney to purify, and a healthy liver, emptying its poison into the bowels, and not into the blood, are the true and only givers of pure blood.

The interior of the kidneys has few nerves of sensation, and disease often is present without any indication until it reaches a fatal stage or condition.

Do you see the moral of this? A healthy liver and kidney is all there is to this question of pure blood. Keep them in order. Don't wait until you find they are diseased, for then it may be too late. Do this, and you are bound to have pure blood. WARNER'S SAFE CURE has a direct action upon the kidneys and liver, and has become a recognised agent for its health-preserving and blood-purifying properties, and as such is used by many physicians. A few bottles will positively prevent disease, and we are certain that disease of either organ is prevented by its use, if taken in time.

The most trying season of the year is upon us, and nature needs help. Nothing can assist her like WARNER'S SAFE CURE. Take it at once and save sickness and expense. Hundreds of thousands have used it and been restored to health by it when every other means failed. As you value life, health, society and family, don't put off its use another hour. Mrs. E. S. Gale, Kingston Vicarage, Taunton, says:—"I have pleasure in testifying to the benefit I have received from the use of WARNER'S SAFE CURE. It has been effectual in relieving pain and discomfort of many years' standing, and in improving my general health."

There are hundreds of thousands of such cases.

This great remedy can be procured from all chemists and druggists at 4s. 6d. per bottle. If your chemist does not keep it, and will not order it, send direct to H. H. WARNER and Co., 47, Farringdon-street, London, E.C.

NEW GOOD TEMPLAR OFFICES FUND.

The following responses have been already made to a private circular sent to Lodge Deputies and others for contributions to a special fund of £200 to meet the expenses of necessary alterations in and fittings up of the new offices just acquired for the Grand Lodge.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts previously acknowleged ...	55	14	9
J. C. Woollacott, New Malden	0	5	0
W. Herbert, Ryde...	0	5	0
Per J. F. Thorneywork, Birmingham ...	0	5	0
Per P. M. Fraser, Middlesbrough ...	0	5	0
T. Ibberson, Mapplewell	0	2	6
	£56	17	3

DISTRICT LODGES.

*** It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

Yorkshire, E.—The picturesque and ancient village of Skipsea was the place selected for holding the 37th session on June 2. The meeting was held in the Congregational Church, and was attended by a goodly number of representatives and friends. The contingent arrived from Hull about 10 o'clock in a large 'bus drawn by four horses. The Lodge was opened at 11 o'clock by the D.C.T., Bro. George Sanderson. The D.C.T. read a very able report on the state of the Order in the District, showing that since the last session the Lodges in the country districts had slightly decreased in membership, with the exception of the Skipsea Lodge, hnt had increased in the Hull Lodges. He brought forward several suggestions which, in his opinion, would strengthen the members and make them of great service in the noble work in which they were engaged. The report presented by the D. Sec. was a detailed one, giving the members in each Lodge, that showing the largest roll being the Kingston-upon-Hull with 283 members, an increase of 13; the total number in the district being 1,185, an increase of 21. The satisfactory statement of the D.S.J.T., that there had been an increase in the numbers of the Juvenile Order since last session of 72 was received with applause, one new Temple having been instituted.—The D.E.S. reported having visited all the Lodges in Hull and some in the country, and addressing them on the political aspect of the Order, and urged all members to make the Temperance question the test at the coming election, and not to let the Irish Bill lead them from their determination to vote only for those who voted for them. The W.D.Tr. submitted the balance-sheet, which shewed a small balance due to him.—After an adjournment for luncheon at one o'clock, most of the members enjoyed themselves for a time on the sea shore. The session was resumed at 2.30, when Bro. Woodall, G.G., was introduced, and a short address was delivered by the P.D.D., F. Oliver, on the honour thus conferred on the District. The executive reported several matters transacted by them, and urged the members to hold open air meetings during the summer months. The resolutions on the digest caused several animated discussions, one affirming the desirability of forming a District Lodge Loan Library being adopted; another, that a bazaar be held in Hull in aid of the G. T. and Temperance Orphanage and District mission work, was adopted with much enthusiasm, the members pledging themselves to do all in their power to make it a great success. Resolutions from Beverley, requesting the formation of a separate District Lodge for the country Lodges, apart from Hull, was almost unanimously rejected. The report of the representatives to the Grand Lodge Session at Newport was read by Bro. F. Oliver, and adopted. Beverley was selected as the place of next meeting.—Bro. T. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the Skipsea brethren for their excellent arrangements for the session, and to the trustees for the loan of the church, which was unanimously adopted, and responded to by Bro. J. T. Brown. Breakfast, luncheon, and tea were provided in the schoolroom, the tray-holders being Mrs. Medcalf, Miss Willison, Miss Southwick, Miss Purdon, and Miss Pinkney. A well-attended meeting was hold in the evening, when the claims of the Order were ably advocated by the chairman, George Sanderson, D.C.T., E. Thorpe, D.S.J.T., F. Oliver, P.D.D., W. Woodall, G.G., T. Wilson, P.W.C.T., J. R. Temple, P.W.C.T., and prayer was offered by the Rev. R. Brotherton. Several pieces were nicely sung by the choir, Miss Pinkney presiding at the organ.

South Devon.—Wesleyan Chapel, Buckfast, Buckfastleigh. June 3. The whole of the District officers, with the exception of the W.D.Co. and D.Sent. were present. Bro. T. H. Hamley, D.C.T., presided. Twenty of the Lodges were represented, and there was a fair attendance of members. The D.C.T. reported that during the quarter a new Lodge had been opened at Buckfast under the title of The Hope of Buckfast. At the desire of Bro. the Rev. Canon Moore a Lodge had also been opened at the Gordon Institute, Devonport, under the title of the "Gordon Memorial" Lodge. Hearty thanks were due to the canon for his exertions, and also for his kindly bearing all the expenses attendant on the formation of that Lodge. Bro. Lawrence, the late D.Sec., has removed to Weston-super-Mare, and there was thus caused a vacancy of the office. Bro. Carter had also felt obliged through private engagements to resign the office of D.E.S. The report also enumerated certain legislative changes made at the recent Grand Lodge Session. A special session of the G.L. was to be held at Penzance on July 2, at which the West Cornwall members hoped to have the support of those of South Devon. The G.W.C.T., G.W.V.T., and G.S.J.T. were to visit Plymouth on July 30, and the G.E.S. and the G.W.Tr. on July 1. The annual river trip was to take place July 14. The "District Guide" had been issued under the new management of Bro. Griffiths, and the D.Ex. asked the Lodge to confirm the arrangements which had been made with Bro. Griffiths. Bro. D. H. Osmond, the D.S.J.T., reported that during the quarter there had been a large increase of the juvenile members. There were now 833 in good standing, an increase of 317, and there were 72 adult honorary members. He had, however, to regret that one Temple, the Unspeakable Gift, had succumbed through its superintendent not having had sufficient help. That was a general complaint among the superintendents, and it was very desirable that the adult members should render the Temple more aid. Bro. P. Taylor, Acting W.D.Sec., reported the number of members in the district, on whom tax was paid to be 912. The W.D.Tr., Sister Litton, reported all the liabilities met, and a very favourable balance in hand. The whole of these reports were received and adopted. Thanks were voted to Bro. Lawrence for his past services as W.D.Sec., and the best wishes expressed for his success in his new undertaking. Thanks were also voted to Bro. Northcott for his exertions towards the institution of the Hope of Buckfast Lodge, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Moore and Bro. Ford for their aid in connection with the Gordon Memorial Lodge. Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.D.Sec. Bro. McLean, A.M. Corps, was appointed W.A.S. The place of meeting of the next District Lodge was left to the arrangement of the D. Executive. Bro. W. Cann installed the new W.D.Sec and W.A.S. The filling of the office of D. Electoral Superintendent was for the present deferred. At the close of business a large party of the brethren adjourned to visit Buckfast Abbey. The members in general also visited the handsome temporary church erected by the monks, which will be taken down when the original church —an imposing structure 260ft. in length—is restored. In the evening a public meeting was held by the members of the District Lodge in the Wesleyan Schoolroom at Buckfastleigh, the Rev. N. J. Millam, Wesleyan minister, presiding.

West Kent.—National School, Sidcup. May 22. Bro. Bowen, D.C.T., presided, and all officers were present save the W.D.Co., D.E.S., W.D.A.S., and W.D.G.; the two first-named arrived after the roll was called. The Degree of Charity was conferred on three members, and nine applicants were admitted as D.L. members. The D.C.T. gave an interesting report of the work done during the quarter, and relating to the coming G.L. Session at Easter next. Report adopted, with the exception of paragraph relating to the Grand Lodge Session. It was then resolved that this District unites with the other Metropolitan Districts in receiving the Grand Lodge in London next Easter. Report was then adopted as a whole. A telegram was sent to the anniversary meeting of the Orphanage, and a reply was received. Bro. D. Baker, D.S.J.T., reported that he could not give in a full detail of the work of the District as he had not received the returns from several of the Temples on account of the late G.L. Session which caused the G.S.J.T. to be late in sending him the forms. Report adopted. Report of Bro. H. O. Travers, W.D.S., contained the following figures:—Returned last quarter, 1,434; initiated, 110; admitted by c.c., 20; other sources, 39; suspended, 104; withdrawals, 41; left by c.c., 21; deaths, 3; expelled, 31; other sources, 11; present membership including associates, 569 sisters; 823 brothers. Total, 1,392; shewing a decrease of 42. Report was unanimously adopted. Report of Bro. H. Renshaw, D.E.S., was most interesting and satisfactory. The report was unanimously adopted, and with applause. Report of Bro. H. Hudson, W.D.T., shewed a balance in hand of £15 3s. Report adopted. Finance Committee report was as follows: Income, £30 13s. 4½d.; expenditure, £15 10s. 4½d.; balance in hand of £15 3s. Bro. F. Hancock read report of G.L. Rep., which was adopted with thanks. The D.C.T. then presented testimonials to Bro. F. Hancock, P.D.S.J.T., Bro. Turnbull, P.W.D.S., and Sister Sophia Alcock, P.W.D.A.S. for their services rendered to this District for the past two years. Bro. F. Hancock, P.D.S.J.T., during that period of time worked earnestly in the Juvenile Branch. Bro. George Turnbull has fulfilled the office of W.D.T. and Worthy District Marshal for the past two years, and he has given great satisfaction to all. Sister Sophia Alcock has been W.A.D.S. for three years, always punctual in her attendance, and during the whole time has never been once absent from her post. The sister and brothers returned due thanks. Bro. J. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M., having presented a transfer card from Oxfordshire District Lodge, it was unanimously accepted, and the brother introduced in the usual honours of a P.G.L. officer, and took a seat on the platform. District Lodge adjourned for tea at 5 o'clock and re-assembled at 6. The following motion from the District Council:—"That all A.S.J.T.'s be the alternative reps. to District Lodge for the Temples to which they belong, and have same power and privileges as alternative rep. of Subordinate Lodges," was unanimously adopted; as was also the followiog:—"That this D.L. request our G.E.S. to introduce a bill to Parliament for the abolition of barmaids and all female servants employed in the sale of intoxicating liquors in all houses where such liquors are sold.' This motion was adopted. It was decided that the District Executive issue a quarterly programme of the Lodges. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Reception Committee, carried, and Bro. Watson responded. Farnboro' elected as the next place of meeting. D.L. closed at 7 o'clock, after which a public meeting was held, Bro. J. Bowen, D.C.T., presiding. The chair was taken at 7.30. After a few remarks from Bro. J. Bowen, Sister Mrs. E. Shorey addressed the meeting. Bro. W. McCubry recited "The Two Fishermen." Bro. J. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M., Bro. H. Renshaw, D.E.S., and Bro. W. Hagley, W.D.Chap., also gave addresses. A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was then closed.

Mid Kent.—Burham, May 26. The Lodge was opened at 10.15 a.m., by Bro. G. H. Graham, D.C.T. Letters were read from Bro. and Sister Randall, tendering their resignations as D.E.S., and D.Tr. respectively, which were accepted with expressions of regret at losing such valuable officers. It was decided unanimously that the D.Sec. write to Bro. and Sister Randall, expressing the thanks of the District Lodge for the services they had rendered to the District. The following election of officers then took place:—Bro. A. Ashdown, Paddock Wood, was unanimously elected D.E.S., and Bro. Denoe was elected W.D.T., Bro. J. H. Cane was elected D.A.Sec. The new officers were installed by the D.C.T., after which the third degree was conferred upon three candidates. The Credential Committee reported that there were 30 representatives officers, and superintendents of Juvenile Temples present. The V.D.'s reports were submitted by Bros. Porter and Cooper for Gravesend Sub-District, Bro. Denoe for Chatham and Rochester Sub-District, and Bros. Simco and E. Ashdown for Tunbridge Wells Sub-District. The reports, which shewed that the Order was progressing very favourably throughout the district, were all adopted. The D.S.J.T., Bro. Wells, reported that there was an increase of 48 in the Juvenile branch during the quarter, and four Temples had not yet recommended superintendents, the total number in good standing being 476. Bro. C. Ashdown had succeeded in starting a new Temple at Chatham. The Shield of Truth, Tunbridge Wells, had the highest number of members, and he should have pleasure in presenting a prize to the member who proposed most candidates during the ensuing quarter. A lengthy discussion next took place on the juvenile work and smoking, a good number of those present taking part. The Lodge adjourned for luncheon at 1.10, which was provided by Bro. Edmonds, assisted by several Burham friends. Upon the resumption of business, the D.S., Bro. Corke, reported that there were now 1,208 members in 30 Lodges, and one not reported, and should this return come to hand it would shew an increase on the quarter of 18. He stated that the *Temperance Worker* would not in the future be localised as the official organ of the District, owing to insufficient support. The report was adopted. Bro. Graham, the D.C.T., said he was not yet able to report satisfactorily on four important points, viz., Work, Unity, Numbers, and Finance, as much still remained to be done before he could do so. He had on several occasions called attention to the large number of villages and small towns in the District where their standard had never been raised. After referring to the subject of a united programme of all the Lodges in the District, stating the cost of the same, &c., he advised them to see that their programmes and all their Lodge proceedings were of an elevating character, always keeping in mind that the object of the Order is to raise and prevent others from falling. The report was adopted, after a discussion on the subject of a District programme, and decided to place the matter on the next digest of business, and that the representative should obtain the opinion of their Lodges upon it. Bro. Denoe presented the treasurer's report, which shewed the receipts to be £15 8s. and the expenditure £13 3s. 4d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 4s. 9d. The report was adopted. Bro. Coster then read the report of the Grand Lodge proceedings. The report was adopted with a special vote of thanks. Tenterden was decided upon as the next place of meeting. Bro. J. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M., gave a stirring address. The following resolution was carried, on the motion of Bro. Porter, seconded by Bro. Wells: "That this District Lodge of Mid Kent, representing 30 Lodges, records its emphatic protest against the action of the House of Lords in blocking the passage of the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, so earnestly desired by a great majority of the in habitaats of that county. That copies of the foregoing be sent to the Lord Chancellor, the Marquis of Salisbury, and the members of Parliament for Mid-Kent." The Lodge was closed at 5 p.m., and tea was provided. An open-air meeting was held at 6 o'clock, and a public meeting at 7.30. Both meetings were largely attended, and addresses were delivered by Bros. Graham, who presided, J. T. Corke, J. M. Skinner, and J. Benjamin. Miss Hawkes officiated at the harmonium, and led some good singing. Seven pledges were taken and the meeting was a great success.

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KISSING GAMES.

IN closing the correspondence upon this unsavoury subject, we have really very little to say. Like Bro. George Dodds, whose judgment and counsel fitly conclude the discussion, we had no idea that the practice was prevalent enough to find so many advocates prepared to publish their names in its favour. These have all been brothers. We think it is to the credit of the sisters that not one of them has similarly attached her name to its advocacy. And in spite of the strong demands of some of the brothers, we still decline to believe that the practice has been very prevalent. Still less do we believe that a large proportion of our members can seriously desire the practice to be perpetuated.

The Grand Lodge has forbidden it within the ranks of the Order, and in connection with Lodges or entertainments at which the name of the Order is announced. This decision is undoubtedly final. To rescind it would be to break up the Order itself, for right-minded parents who entertain the view that most respectable people do as to public and indiscriminate kissing among comparative strangers, would certainly do their best to frown down any organisation that countenanced such a practice. We admit that many young people despise such parental influence and restraint. There is a tendency, we know, towards a revised version of the Scripture, enjoining parents to obey their children; but we question the wisdom of those who would revise it in their practice, and we should rather our children avoided matrimonial alliance with these rebellious upstarts.

Decent people will not be associated with a society which, under the guise of promoting a great moral and religious reform, might turn itself into a weekly kiss-in-the-ring; and the matter will not admit of further discussion. The pleas offered in its favour are the strongest proof of the absolute impossibility of its being permitted. The public kissing business must be done outside. This is the law; and we doubt not it will be loyally obeyed. Those who must have such amusement will know where to find it; but surely they would not wish to drive from the ranks of Good Templary the valued workers who could not possibly be associated with such practices.

The question of character dress is upon quite another footing. No one has urged that it is immoral to act a piece in character dress. The simple ground of its exclusion has been the difficulty of drawing the line, and of regulating entertainments when once the limit is passed which prohibits character dress. The Order has been degraded before the public by some such performances, and they have been prohibited, not by any sudden legislation, but after duly published notice; and the prohibition has been re-affirmed at repeated sessions of our Grand Lodge. We have, as Good Templars, a representative Government, more democratic in its character than that of anyother organisation in the country, and we are a law-abiding as well as a self-governing people. We have shewn every desire in this journal to give free scope to the opinions of the members; and we have taken leave to express our own. Our advice now to all is, obey the law; and if, in any matters, it is not thought satisfactory, raise the question in your Subordinate and District Lodges, and finally elect Representatives to Grand Lodge who will, in your judgment, legislate wisely and well on your behalf—never losing sight of the great and noble aims our Order has in view.

BRO. LIEUT. WAWRINSKY, G.W.Co, Sweden, will be entertained at tea by prominent Metropolitan members on Friday, 11th inst., at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C.

IN THE REPORT of a certain District Lodge in last issue it was stated that the G.W.C.T., ruled that the D. Lodge could not lawfully pay the expenses of the Visiting Deputies. This must not be taken as a general ruling. The ruling only referred to the laws of that particular District Lodge, which laws specified whose expenses should

be paid, and did not include Visiting Deputies' expenses.—J. M.

BRO. CHIEF WAUBUNO, P.G. Guard of Canada, will soon close his long visit to England and return to his Indian settlement with the Indian hymn books he has had printed, and with funds to build a new Mission School for his people. His portrait is in last month's *Juvenile Templar*, just as he appears in full Indian costume, with plumes and tomahawk, at District Lodge and other public meetings, where his fine appearance, good singing in the Indian tongue, and his striking English advocacy of Temperance, create intense interest and enthusiasm. Bro. Waubuno is a Good Templar of 28 years' standing, and bears a thoroughly good record. Bro. Duncan Milligan, 21, Spencer-road, New Wandsworth, London, S.W., is ably acting as his hon. secretary.—J. M.

The G.W.C.T. Note Book.

The Church of Ireland Temperance Visitor is an excellent periodical. It is in its ninth volume, yet its existence has hitherto been unknown to me and probably to most Temperance people on this side the Irish Channel.

THE ACTING W.C.T., W.T., and W.S. of a Lodge in the West Cheshire District are 61, 71, and 79 years of age respectively. It does us good to know that such veterans rally round the flag and hold the fort.

THE ROYAL HANDBELL RINGERS (POLAND-STREET). —These brethren have ended a long tour in Sweden. They performed in the Good Templar Hall at Ostersund. The immense building was crowded in every part. They had also a good attendance in Gefle, also in the Templar's Hall. The ringers sailed for England on June 3.

A NEW TEMPERANCE HALL has just been built at Doncaster by our good Sister Mrs. Walker, who is one of those who desire to spend and be spent in doing good. A whole week of Temperance meetings were held to inaugurate the opening, commencing May 2, and on my visit on the Friday I found the main room crowded to excess. The building is large and handsome. The lower hall is to be used as a Lodge-room.

THE BRITISH AND COLONIAL TEMPERANCE CONGRESS projected by the National Temperance League, in commemoration of the "Colindies" Exhibition, commences the day after the Crystal Palace Temperance Fête, at which fête we shall have a special session of Grand Lodge. The Congress opens Wednesday, July 14, and continues the two following days. Very valuable colonial papers will doubtless be read. Members' tickets are 5s. Lodges or societies can, by paying 10s., send three delegates. Members and bodies represented will be entitled to the volume of proceedings. Our Grand Lodge will be represented, and we hope our District and Sub Lodges will also send delegates.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Question.—Can associate members sign the petition form for a charter to open a new Lodge; or should they wait until the institution is completed before depositing their associate cards?

Answer.—Associate members may sign the petition form, and may also be received into membership at the institution of the Lodge.

Question.—An associate member is elected W.C.T. before his ordinary Lodge has installed its officers. Can such associate W.C.T. receive the password at his installation?

Answer.—An associate W.C.T. *as such* can receive password to give to members paying dues, but he cannot use the password to enter that or any Lodge till he also gets it from the W.C.T. of his regular Lodge, which he should do as soon as the latter W.C.T. is installed.

Question: When a member of a Lodge is on clearance card, can any D.C.T. or Lodge give him the new passwordon his tendering a quarter's subscription?

Answer: (1) A member while on clearance card has no dues to pay for the next quarter and cannot receive its password. (2) None but the W.C.T. of a Sub-Lodge has the right to give the password to members. (3) A W.C.T. cannot give the password to a member of another Lodge, unless such member presents a warrant for it from his own W.C.T., and no such warrant can be given to a member on clearance card.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Another crisis has arisen in the history of our nation. For the second time this year a Government has been defeated, and we are on the eve of a General Election. The issue upon which the election will be fought may, unless the friends of Temperance are on the alert, affect the position of our cause in the House of Commons. Therefore in every case we must endeavour to secure the return of men favourable to our views, giving a decided preference to those who are prepared to grant the direct veto to localities in order that the people themselves may decide whether or no drink traffickers shall be allowed to carry on their mischievous trade.

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From the turn recent events have taken, it seems clear the method by which we shall obtain the power of dealing with the liquor traffic will be an extended form of self government. It would be some years before Parliament would pass anything like a genuine Prohibition measure, whereas now there would be very little difficulty in getting it to adopt a Bill handing over to counties the right of settling licensing and other local matters Already there are portions of the United Kingdom ready to act on such authority, and very soon we should see Prohibitive measures proposed if not enacted. We must move with the times, and as our opportunities occur we must grasp them. Let us learn the lesson of to-day and then we shall be ready when the time for action arrive.

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At last a vote has been taken in the House of Commons upon the question of Sunday Closing for England (excluding the Metropolis), and a proposition to that effect has been carried by a majority of 15. Mr. Stevenson is to be congratulated on the success thus obtained. He has toiled long and patiently, and although he may not at present be permitted to reap the fruit of his victory, it will encourage him to persevere in the new Parliament, and carry through a measure embodying the principle he got affirmed the other evening.

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The *Daily Telegraph* of Tuesday last published one of those remarkable leaders for which it has become celebrated—for we are now used to this so-called "leading" morning paper denouncing every movement which tends to raise the moral tone of the people and stop drunkenness and vice, as "fads" and "grandmotherly legislation." The writer imputes all manner of bad motives to those members who supported Mr. Stevenson's amendment, and its abuse of the Ministers who voted with him is as silly as it is untrue. The following sentence will reveal how ignorant this paper of "world-wide circulation" is of the composition and extent of our movement.

"That there is in the present House a strong Prohibitionist clique we were well aware. To call them the Temperance party would be to give them a title they do not deserve. Some of the most excellent men and women of whom England can boast at the present time have promoted Temperance by example and precept, and have elevated thousands of working classes by teaching them sobriety and all its advantages. The partisans of repressive legislation, however—those who would shut up all public-houses and compel into water-drinking all working men—are a distinct body. They are fanatics who do not believe in moral reformation, but in the strait-waistcoat system. The narrow fanaticism of these men has hitherto had considerable success. We live in an era of political flabbiness. The majority of our politicians have no backbones. They can bend and bow to public opinion as easily as if they were invertebrate animals. Therefore, to engage the adhesion of the fanatics of prohibition we find the leaders of our Parliament making concession after concession. Scotland, Ireland, and Wales have secured Sunday closing through local Bills."

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It would be interesting to know how many of the "excellent men" who have done so much to promote Temperance are found on the staff of the *D.T.* Again the writer of this article must have forgotten that things political have very materially altered during the last 50 years. Why is it there are so many members in the present House of Commons so favourable to Temperance legislation? Simply because the electors of the United Kingdom refuse to give their votes to men not so disposed. The working men of England *now* think for themselves, and are not content to let members of Parliament treat them with contempt and disdain. None know this better than the M.P.'s themselves, and they fully realise that they only retain their seats so long as they enjoy the confidence of their constituents.

But we must not look for too much from the *D. T.* A paper that makes a speciality of reporting prize fights and such like, and is constantly sounding the praises of that which maddens the brain and debases the nature of man can hardly be expected to shed much real light upon the social problems of the day. We can only pity the editor for his short-sightedness, and hope that very soon he may receive a clearer revelation of the true state of public opinion.

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At the present time there is to be seen at the Colonial Exhibition a remarkable exemplification of the benefits of abstinence, in the person of a centenarian said to be 102 years of age. This old man is still lithe and active, with teeth mostly sound, and eyesight good, appearing to bear the burden of a century as though it were only 40 years. The secret of this vitality, according to Dr. Tyler, who is in charge of the Hindoo party, is *abstemiousness and temperance*; excess in meat and drink this patriarch has never known; *alcohol in any form he has never imbibed*; he has lived on the fruits of the earth, and knows no more the taste of flesh food than he does of the sensation of rheumatism.

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It is officially announced that Mr. C. M. Kennedy, C.B., of the Foreign Office, and Mr. Cecil Trevor, C.V., Assistant-secretary to the Board of Trade, have been appointed to be the British delegates at the International Conference at the Hague, to discuss the liquor traffic carried on by "Copers" in the North Sea. Mr. Nicolle, of the Board of Trade, will be secretary to the British delegates.

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A representative of the *Pall Mall Gazette* has recently interviewed a tamer of wild animals. Amongst the questions asked was the following:—

"How is it that every now and then you hear of a lion-tamer being killed?"

"Drink, sir," said the tamer, "drink. The performer gets a glass too much some day, enters the cage, fails to see that the floor is wet and slippery; he makes a false step and is down on his back before he knows where he is. The lion or tiger, as the case may be, is on his chest, and then good-bye. As long as you are erect, have your senses about you, and keep your nerve, you may do anything with the beast; but if once your nerve is shaken, your eye unsteady, and you slip, the game is up."

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The drinkers are a hard lot to please. They object to teetotalers because they say we want to rob them of their beer and take away their liberty. They object to the publicans "doctoring" the beer, and putting in things with terribly long names, enough in themselves to make your blood run cold. And now they are getting up an agitation against those who would secure for them "pure" beer, because if Parliament enacts a law to the effect that beer shall be brewed only from certain ingredients, they say the beer will lose its flavour and will be "dreadful stuff to drink." If it is bad now, and will be worse then, why, of course, there is only one remedy, viz., to sweep it away altogether.

FREE LANCE.

A GALLANT GOOD TEMPLAR REWARDED.—At the Penzance Guildhall, on Monday last, the Mayor presented to Bro. Richard Edyvean, of the Bonâ Fide Lodge, Porthleaven, and who is only 17 years of age, a bronze medal and £3 from the Board of Trade in recognition of his gallant services in saving life on March 2, of this year, particulars of which have been previously recorded in our columns. In making the presentation the Mayor heartily congratulated Bro. Edyvean on his heroic conduct.

PRESENTATION.—Bro. Albert Casley, who last year left Exeter for Taunton, was on May 28 presented by the Exeter brethren with a handsome Grand Lodge Degree regalia, in leather case, with an illuminated address, in recognition of his services for the Order in the city. Bro. Casley returned due thanks. Our brother had previously received testimonials from the D.L. of East Devon, of which he was D.Sec., and the St. Andrew Tent, I.O.R., of which he was Tent secretary. The presentation took place at Carnall's Coffee Tavern, Exeter.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNERS, Social Teas, Conferences, Evening Meetings of Companies or Societies, on reasonable terms, at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, London, E.C., opposite Ludgate Hill Station. Strictly Temperance principles.

NEGRO MISSION FUND.

The following amounts have been received up to May :—

FROM ENGLISH LODGES.

	£	s.	d.
Longbridge and Ruberry	0	5	0
Hornor	0	10	0
Up and Doing	0	5	0
Who is my Neighbour	0	2	6
Masboro' Puritan...	0	5	0
Welcome Home	0	1	6
Howard's Green	0	3	1½
Hope to Win	0	2	0
Glyndwr	0	7	6
No Retreat	0	5	0
Bethel	0	11	0
Pennington	0	10	6
Try...	0	5	0
Friends in Council	0	13	6
Crystal Water	0	5	0
King's Cross Excelsior	0	2	6
Hope of the Future	0	5	6
Hermitage...	0	7	6
Bell in the Bush	1	4	1
New Hope...	0	4	6
Star of St. Neots...	0	10	0
Bridport Crusaders	0	3	0
Highfield	0	1	6
Rose of the East	0	11	0
Pye Bank	0	1	5
Stroudwater	0	5	0
Writtle Lodge	1	0	6
John Sergeant	0	3	8
United Volunteer	0	12	6
Robin Hood	0	3	0
Sunbeam	0	2	4
Torquay Excelsior	0	2	6
St. James Ratcliff	0	1	4
Hull	0	10	0
St. Catherine's (for 1885)	0	2	0
Charnwood, 738	0	10	0
Stedfast Union	0	5	0
Red, White, and Blue	0	4	2

DEGREE AND JUVENILE TEMPLES.

Queen's Park Degree Temple	0	5	0
Font Juvenile Temple	0	2	6
Hope of Rasen Temple	0	4	1
Beacon of Hope Temple...	0	2	0
Rickmansworth Temple	0	10	0
Queen of Tamar Temple...	0	4	0
Queen's Park Temple	0	4	6
Manchester Degree Temple	0	5	6
Hope of Shirley Juvenile Temple ...	1	1	8
Excelsior Cambridge (Juvenile Temple)	1	16	0
Firm in Truth	0	4	0
Sunbeam Temple...	0	10	4
Temple 1087	0	2	0
Templars' Rest	0	10	0
Sway's Brightest Hope	0	17	0
Blooming Hope	0	5	3
Hope of Yeovil	0	11	8
Excelsior	0	10	0
Halifax Wildflower	0	16	0
Pirbright and Perryhill Rosebud ...	0	8	3
Stockport J. T.	0	3	1
Mayflower...	0	6	10
We Mean to Win	0	3	6

PERSONAL. ENGLISH.

Mrs. Budgett	1	0	0
Sister Guttridge	0	10	0
T. B. Clark	0	2	6
Mrs. Chivers	0	10	0
Rev. J. Thornley...	0	2	6
Josiah Cave	0	1	6
J. Braddon	0	2	6
J. J. Wilkinson	0	1	0
A Friend (J. H.)...	0	10	0
Bro. Childs	0	2	0
Sister Poole	0	5	0
Bro. Rev. H. J. Boyd	0	10	0
J. Moseley	0	2	6
Thos. Ellery	0	10	0
Sister Pryer	0	2	0
Sister Gray	0	2	6
Bro. Rev. Taylder	0	2	6
T. Grate	0	0	6
Sister Robson	0	2	6
Sister Green	0	10	0
Several Members, per Rev. Jos. Hare...	0	5	0
Rev. R. L. Carpenter	5	0	0
Rev. W. Brown	0	1	6
G. Parker	0	2	6
Rev. W. Brown	0	1	6
Bro. A. G. Hemsley	0	1	0
Bro. G. Parker	0	2	6

IRISH LODGES.

	£	s.	d.
Hope of Derry	1	0	0
Tyrone Alliance	0	10	6
Maltese Cross	1	3	4

The above are acknowledged with sincere thanks by

SISTER C. IMPEY,
Sec. to G.L. Negro Mission Committee.
Street, Somerset.

THE GOOD TEMPLAR FLAG.*

"In the name of our God we will set up our banners"—Psalm xx., 5.

(Dedicated to Bro. R. P. J. Simpson, R.N., P.G.W.C.T., originator of the Templar Flag.)

See, our banner floats on high,
Proudly 'gainst the azure sky !
'Tis the Templar's flag unfurled
In the sight of all the world !
Rally round it all true men,
Join in a crusade again ;
This our noble battle cry—
" Faith, and Hope, and Charity !"

See, the banner teaches us
God and man are banded thus :
For the cross of Christ we lay
(Cross that soon shall win the day)
On a spotless, pure white field,
And on that each nation's shield
Nobly floats the flag on high,
Emblem of true unity !

Raise it proudly, sailors brave,
As ye breast the ocean wave !
Let it grace, ye gallant lads,
Wooden walls and : nclads.
May our banner ever fly
As a beacon set on high,
Warning off from rocks and shoals
Which now wreck immortal souls !

Gallant soldiers of our land,
Shoulder unto shoulder stand !
Guard the flag, each Templar Knight,
" God will still defend the right" !
Brave battalions ! lend your aid
In our loving, new crusade.
Round the colours rally fast,
Victory shall be ours at last.

Lift our standard every clime ;
Aid our object so sublime,
'Gainst the drink that men deludes,
And from Heaven itself excludes !
Raise our banner, Templars, raise !
Till our prayers be turned to praise ;
Till its symbols be unfurled
O'er a sober, righteous world !

ANNIE CLEGG, P.V.T.

* The G.W.C.T. invites musical members to compose music to the above words, and send to him for the free use of the Grand Lodge Committee on Hymn and Ode Book.

On Wednesday evening, May 26, Bro. James Seaward, of Greenwich, a life-abstainer of 69 years delivered his interesting lecture, entitled, "Recollections of a Publican's Son : What he saw before and behind the Bar," at the Lecture Hall, Avenue-road, Shepherd's Bush. Bro. Robert Smiles, author of the "Life of Livingstone," also gave an able and powerful address. During the evening several of Bro. Seaward's Sacred Songs were beautifully rendered. The Rev. J. Simmance presided, and there was a very good attendance.

Court-Martial on an Officer for Drunkenness.—A court-martial was held on Wednesday, May 26, on board H.M.S. Victory, at Portsmouth, for the trial of Acting Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Willing Stirling, of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, for drunkenness. It was shewn that the prisoner was brought to the college in a cab on the 15th ult. helplessly drunk, and had to be supported by two officers. He had been previously admonished for intemperance, and now pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to lose all seniority of his rank, and to be severely reprimanded.

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Beds.—Rev. S. J. Southwood, 149, Victoria-street, Dunstable.
Berks.—A. Moyse, 6, Greufell-road, Maidenhead.
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Cheshire, W.—J. Davies, 6, Victoria-pathway, Queen's Park, Chester.
Cornwall, E.—J. Jose, Fernleigh House, Tywardreath, Par Station.
Cornwall, W.—W. H. Trounson, St. Clare Villa, Penzance.
Cumberland, E.—G. Bell, Grammar School, Wigton.
Cumberland, W.—Rev. J. McNab, Lapstone-road, Millom, Carnforth.
Derby.—E. C. Ellis, 12, St. Peter's-street, Derby.
Devon, E.—R. J. Parr, 2, Union-terrace, Torquay.
Devon, N.—Rev. T. H. Taylor, Hill Side, North Tawton.
Devon, S.—T. H. Hamley, Temperance Hall, Forestreet, Devonport.
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Durham, S.—J. J. Woods Mansergh House, Hartlepool.
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Gloucester, W.—J. W. Padfield, Hazelwood, Wellington Park, Clifton.
Gloucester, N.W.—S. W. Hadingham, The Beeches, Newnham.
Hants, N.—W. C. Burley, Petersfield.
Hants, S.—T. Holmes, 33, Cromwell-road, Fitzhugh, Southampton.
Hereford.—J. Jackson, Upper Wyche, Great Malvern.
Hertford.—J. Easton, Railway-street, Hertford.
Hunts.—W. Fuller, coach builder, St. Ives, Hunts.
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Kent, E.—S. C. Weston, 23, Sandgate-road, Folkestone.
Kent, M.—G. H. Graham, Gabriel's Hill, Maidstone.
Kent, W.—J. Bowen, 42, Malpas-road, Brockley.
Lancashire, N.—R. Mansergh, Box 53, Lancaster.
Lancashire, N.E.—E. Fowler, Northgate Sale Rooms, Blackburn.
Lancashire, S. (Welsh).—J. J. Thomas, 1, Northbrook-street, Liverpool.
Lancashire, S.E.—J. G. Tolton, 32, Great Clowes-street, Broughton, Manchester.
Lancashire, S.W.—J. W. Hall, 21, Allen-street, Warrington.
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Lincoln.—W. Mainprize, Cleethorpes, Great Grimsby.
Middlesex. — W. Winton, 54, Coningham-road, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, London.
Monmouth.—W. H. Brown, 11, Daniel-street, Newport.
Norfolk.—H. E. Aldrich, Diss.
Northampton, N.—E. Snowden, 8, St. John-street, Peterborough.
Northampton, S.—W. Abbott, Hardingstone, Northampton.
Northumberland.—A. Robinson, 15, Stratford-grove, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Nottingham.—E. Brooks, 74, Barnby-gate, Newark.
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Shropshire.—J. F. Cooper, 19, High-st, Whitchurch.
Somerset, E.—J. S. Sturges, 4, Terrace-walks, Bath.
Somerset, M.—W. S. Clark, Street.
Somerset, W.—G. Lockyer, St. Mary-st., Bridgewater.
Stafford, N. — T. Johnson, 4, Prospect-street, Burslem.
Stafford, S.—Nelson Ball, 62, Long-street, Walsall.
Suffolk.—E. A. Gower, 2, Norfolk-terrace, Wickham Market.
Surrey, E. and M.—C. Pinhorn, Evelyn-road, Richmond.
Surrey, W.—L. J. Plymen, Board School, Woking.
Sussex.—S. Williams, 71, Round Hill-crescent, Brighton.
Warwick.—W. J. Glover, 24, Grace-road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.
Wiltshire.—C. W. Churchill, Pickwick-road, Corsham.
Worcester.—J. Poole, Cedar Villas, Fire-street, Dudley.
Yorks, E.—G. Sanderson, 8, Beverley-street, Driffield.
Yorks, N.—A. Jesper, 6, Westbourne-park, Scarborough.
Yorks, Central.—J. Deans, 13, Midland-road, Hyde-park, Leeds.
Yorks, Cleveland.—R. Skelton, 6, Duncombe-street, Middlesbrough.
Yorks, N.W.—J. Walshaw, Crown-street Chambers, Halifax.
Yorks, S.W.—Rev. H. J. Boyd, 8, Park-crescent Sheffield.
Naval. — J. Rae, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.
Military. — O. G. L. Jones, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

THE LORDS AND THE DURHAM SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

It may be interesting to have on record the votes of the House of Lords upon this question, and I therefore send you a list of those who have voted or paired for and against this measure.

AGAINST (110.)

DUKES.

Beaufort
Buckingham and Chandos
Grafton
Leeds
Manchester
Marlborough
Richmond and Gordon

MARQUISES.

Abercorn
Abergavenny
Bath
Bristol
Exeter
Hertford
Normanby
Salisbury

EARLS.

Ashburnham
Cadogan
Caledon
Cawdor
Clonmell
Coventry
Dartrey
Doncaster
Fortescue
Harewood
Iddesleigh
Innes (D. Roxburghe)
Kilmorey
Lanesborough
Lathom
Leven and Melville
Lovelace
Lucan
Macclesfield
Malmesbury
Manvers
Mar and Kellie
Milltown
Nelson
Northesk
Orkney
Radnor
Ravensworth
Romney
Rosse
Yarborough

VISCOUNTS.

Bridport
Cranbrook
Hardinge
Hawarden
Hood
Powerscourt
Sherbrooke
Sidmouth
Templetown

LORDS

Ashford
Auckland
Bramwell
Calthorpe
Colchester
Delamere
Digby
Douglas
Dynevor
Egerton of Tatton
Elphinstone
Ellenborough
Erskine
Fitz-Gerald
Foxford
Gage
Gerard
Grantley
Halsbury
Harris
Hillingdon
Hay
Howard de Walden
Howard of Glossop
Kenlis
Ker
Kintore
Lamington
Leigh
Lovat
Lyveden
Minster
Ormonde
Poltimore
Rodney
Romilly
Rosmore
Rothschild
Sherborne
Shute
Silchester
Somerton
Stewart of Garlies
Sinclair
Strathedon and Campbell
Templemore
Teynham
Tredegar
Trevor
Wemyss
Wigan
Wimborne
Windsor
Zouche of Haryngworth

FOR (86).

ARCHBISHOPS.

Canterbury
York

LORD CHANCELLOR.

Herschell

LORD PRESIDENT.

Spencer

DUKES.

St. Albans
Westminster

MARQUISES.

Northampton
Ripon

EARLS.

Annesley
Camperdown
Derby
Dowie
Dundonald
Durham
Feversham
Granville
Jersey
Lindsay
Kimberley
Morley
Mount-Edgcombe
Onslow
St. Germans
Selborne
Tankerville

VISCOUNT.

Halifax

BISHOPS.

Bangor
Bath and Wells
Chichester
Durham
Gloucester and Bristol
Hereford
Montcagle of Brandon
Northbourne
Northington (L. Henley)
Norton
O Neill
Ramsay (E. Dalhousie)
Robartes
Rosebery (E. Rosebery)
Sandhurst
Scarsdale
Stanley of Alderly
Sudley (E. Arran)
Thurlow
Vernon
Wenlock
Winmarleigh
Wolverton

The names in *italics* are Liberals, the others are Conservatives.

The above shews that

	Per cent.		Per cent.
21 Liberals	19	61 Liberals	70
89 Conservatives	81	25 Conservatives	30
110 voted against		86 voted for	

A majority of 24 against the bill out of 196 Peers who voted or paired.

Sixteen Peers who voted in *favour* of the second reading were absent on the third reading, viz.:—Earls *Durham*, Feversham, Lindsay, and Onslow; Bishops Bangor, Hereford, and St. Albans; Lords *Aberdare*, Broderick, *Crewe*, Crofton, *Houghton*, *Kinnaird*, *Robartes*, *Thurlow*, and Winmarleigh.

Thirteen Peers who voted *against* the second reading were absent on the third reading, viz.:—Earls *Lovelace*, Manvers, Milltown, and Orkney; Viscounts *Powerscourt*, and Templetown; Lords Dynevor, Egerton of Tatton, *Fitz-Gerald*, *Lovat*, *Rothschild*, Sherborne, and Tredegar.

One Peer, Lord Norton, voted *against* the second, but in *favour* of the third reading.

33 Peers voted against both readings.
14 " " " second reading.
64 " " " third reading.
37 " " for both readings.
16 " " " second reading.
33 " " " third reading.

The following 10 members of the Episcopal Bench did not vote at all:—Bishops *Carlisle*, *Chester*, *Lichfield*, Liverpool, Llandaff, *Norwich*, Peterborough, Ripon, *Winchester*, and Worcester.

The following eight peers of Cabinet rank voted *against* the Bill:—Dukes Buckingham and Chandos, and Richmond and Gordon; Marquis of Salisbury; Earls Iddesleigh and Malmesbury; Viscounts Cranbrooke and *Sherbrooke* and Lord Halsbury. The following 12 voted in *favour*: Marquis of *Ripon*, Earls *Derby*, *Granville*, *Kimberley*, *Selborne*, and *Spencer*; Lords *Aberdare*, *Herschell*, *Monk Bretton*, Norton, *Rosebery*, and Winmarleigh.

Mr. J. Danvers Power, of London, speaking at the annual dinner of the Colchester and East Essex Brewers and Licensed Victuallers' Association, on the 27th ult., in referring to this bill, said, "In the House of Commons it was no use opposing that bill, because there was a majority against us; and I think, if you ask me, that it is a very unwise thing to talk out bills to any great extent, even when it is legitimate, for the sake of delay, because you are only putting off for a little while the evil day. But when the bill got to the House of Lords, I thought it would have been thrown out on the second reading. Well, the Conservative Party sent out a four-lined whip, calling upon the opponents of Sunday Closing to be in their places, and the bill was lost by a majority of 27."

In spite of the whip which Mr. Danvers Power says was issued, 25 Conservatives voted *against* their party.

Of the Durham Peers, the Lord Lieutenant (Earl Durham) and Lord Northbourne favoured the bill; Earl Ravensworth opposed, whilst the Marquis of Londonderry, Duke of Cleveland, and Viscount Boyne did not vote.

JAS. J. WOODS.

Hartlepool, June 5, 1886.

MR. CANNEY.—At the Central Criminal Court, last week, Mr. Arthur Ernest Canney, the secretary to the Kilburn Temperance League, surrendered to take his trial for publishing a false and defamatory libel concerning Mr. George Field, the landlord of the Lord Palmerston Tavern, Kilburn. Mr. Willis, Q.C., and Mr. Besley appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Jelf, Q.C., Mr. Canney, and Mr. Cluer were counsel for the defendant.—The libel complained of was contained in a Temperance publication called the *Beacon*, and it made very serious charges against the prosecutor on the conduct of his business. The defendant now retracted his plea of not guilty, and pleaded guilty, and expressed his regret for making the charges he had done, and admitted that there was no foundation for those charges.—The Recorder said he thought the defendant had taken a very proper course. He was no doubt actuated by very good motives, but there was clearly no foundation for the charges he had made against the prosecutor, and he had taken a very proper course in withdrawing those charges. Under these circumstances, he should order him to be discharged upon his entering into recognisances of £50 to appear and receive judgment if called upon to do so.—*Daily Chronicle.*

OBITUARY.

Bro. W. Pownall, W.C.T.—The Sidney Lodge, No. 3,637, which was instituted in March last, has sustained a severe loss in the sudden death of its first W.C.T., Bro. W. Pownall, which took place on the 22nd ult. The deceased brother had been engaged in the Temperance cause for some years, but had only joined our Order on the institution of the above Lodge. He, however, on account of his influence with the members, was able to render valuable service in the working of the Lodge, and was always ready to do all in his power to promote its prosperity. The funeral took place on May 29, and, although the weather was very inclement, was largely attended a large number of Sons of Temperance was in the procession, and our Order was represented by, among others, Bros. J. H. Musk, D.E.S., and G. Johnson. The service was conducted by Mr. Salthouse, and the Sons of Temperance service was also read. Bro. G. Johnson gave a short address, and two of the deceased's favourite hymns were sung at the grave side, and the service was very impressive, many being moved by deep emotion. Several wreaths, &c., were sent by societies and friends.—J. C. S.

Sister Mrs. Elvin.—Our sister, who was the wife of Bro. J. E. Elvin, of the Lindum Lodge Lincoln, entered into her rest on Wednesday morning, May 19, after a long and painful illness. She was an earnest (though unassuming) member of the Order, and the Ark of Safety Lodge, of which the deceased was a member, will greatly miss her kindly help and sympathy. Sister Elvin was a consistent member of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, and the funeral, which took place on Monday, May 24, at the General Cemetery, was largely attended by members of that body, as well as by members of the Order in regalia. Our sister was 41 years of age, and leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss.—W. P. A.

Bro. John Peterson.—The Hope of Howden Lodge has suffered a heavy loss by the death of Bro. John Peterson, at the age of 65, who was an honoured member from the formation of the Lodge in January, 1873. Bro. Peterson has not filled any office in the Lodge except that of Worthy Chaplain, and this office he has often occupied. On Sunday, May 9, he was in his place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Howden-le-Wear, but was feeling unwell having caught cold whilst at his work on the Saturday before. He rapidly grew worse until the Monday night the week following, when his spirit went home. Forty-two of our members attended the funeral, and walked in procession before the hearse, a great many local preachers following behind. At the grave side Bro. Wrathall, Home Mission Agent, read the Good Templars' Burial Service, and the brethren and sisters sang Ode No. 11. Altogether the service was a most impressive one, which will not be soon forgotten by those who attended. Bro. Peterson was a local preacher of many years' standing among the Wesleyan Methodists.

Bro. George Smith.—It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Bro. George Smith, W.M., of the Birkenhead Excelsior Lodge, which took place on Monday, the 31st ult., in his 59th year. Our brother went to work in the morning in his usual good health and spirits, and in the afternoon was brought home, where he shortly expired, leaving a wife to mourn his loss. He has been a total abstainer for 40 years, and became a member of the above Lodge soon after its re-institution. The funeral took place on Friday, the 4th inst., at Flaybrick Hill Cemetery, Birkenhead, and was attended by members of the Order, clothed in regalia. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Alexander Stewart (missionary). At the grave side the members joined in singing "Safe in the arms of Jesus," feeling sure that our dear brother has landed on that peaceful, blissful shore, there to dwell for ever with the Master.

ERRATUM.—In our Obituary Notices of May 17, Bro. Jos. Osman, Lincoln, should read Bro. Jas. Asman.

POLITICAL ACTION.—Mr. James Tomkinson (L.), who was defeated at the recent general election in the Wirral Division of Cheshire, has been chosen by the Liberal party as candidate for the Edisbury Division of the same county. Mr. Tomkinson, who resides in the latter division, is a total abstainer and firm supporter of the direct veto. He is not ashamed of his principles and wears the blue ribbon constantly.

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G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
June 14.—	Devon, E.	St. Mary Church.
,, 16.—	Cumberland, W.	Allonby.
,, 17.—	Bedford	Assembly Rooms, Harpur-street, Bedford.
,, 17.—	Nottingham	East Bridgford.
,, 21.—	Stafford, S.	Brownhills.
,, 21.—	Yorks, N.W.	Cornholme, near Todmorden.
,, 30.—	Yorke, (Cleveland)	Skelton.
July 5.—	Cornwall, E.	Gunnislake.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the WATCHWORD.

(Signed) JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

BRO. MALINS' "NO COMPENSATION" PAPER.

This is in the press and will be published shortly. Orders may now be given to the G.W.Secretary. Those members who have already ordered copies will receive them as soon as possible after publication.

ORDERS FOR GOODS.

The membership generally, when ordering supplies, are requested to send their orders *addressed to the G.W. Secretary*, and not to private individuals employed in the Office.

SPECIAL SESSIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

A special session of the Grand Lodge of England will be held at Penzance, on Friday, July 2, 1886. A special session of the Grand Lodge will also be held in the Opera Theatre, Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, July 13, 1886, in connection with the National Temperance Fete, which is being conducted this year by the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE DEGREE.

(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms. (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members THREE years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges; or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only SUCH OF THESE WHO HAVE NOT FORFEITED THEIR DEGREES OR THEIR QUALIFYING TITLES, BY EXPULSION, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORDER, OR VIOLATION OF PLEDGE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY ON THIS CREDENTIAL. Further particulars will be announced shortly.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRYSTAL PALACE SPECIAL SESSION.

The Credential Committee will sit in the Italian Court, from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m.; and the Degree will be conferred at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Credentials may now be had from the G.W. Secretary on sending a stamped directed wrapper for same. Candidates for Grand Lodge Degree will be admitted at Italian Court door, south-eastern door, and centre door, and will occupy the ground floor. Members already in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree will not need Credentials, but can work their way to seats in the gallery by means of the unwritten work.

Tax received from District Lodges during the week for the quarter ending with April 31, is as follows:—

1886.	£	s.	d.
June 2, Hants, N.	2	18	11
,, 2, Norfolk	4	14	8
,, 2, Lancs., N.E.	2	1	2
,, 2, Hants, S.	9	3	9
,, 2, Lincoln	4	12	3
,, 3, Staffs., S.	5	4	7
,, 3, Cumberland, E.	2	16	0
,, 3, Lancs., S. (Welsh)	4	10	0
,, 3, Wilts	4	0	10
,, 4, Yorks, Central	2	13	0
,, 4, Kent, Mid	6	5	10
,, 4, Northumberland	11	10	4
,, 5, Devon, E.	3	2	6
,, 5, Hereford	0	19	2
,, 7, Herts	0	14	10
,, 7, Devon, S.	4	15	0
,, 7, Durham, N.	11	5	4
,, 8, Cumberland, W.	5	16	9
,, 8, Oxford	1	9	8
	£88	14	7

Signed,

JOHN B. COLLINGS, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.

G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

G.S.J.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The Commission, Quarterly Circular, Motto Text, and Report Form for each S.J.T. duly recommended has been forwarded. Each S.J.T. should now have reported to the G.S.J.T. and D.S.J.T.

The Commission of every duly recommended A.S.J.T. has been forwarded. Some few are detained for want of addresses.

The Commission of each V.S.J.T recommended has been forwarded to the D S.J.T. for endorsement, together with Quarterly Circular, Temperance lesson and duplicate return forms.

The returns of each D.S.J.T., V.S.J.T., and S.J.T. should now be in my hands.

JOSEPH WALSHAW, G.S.J.T.

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE.

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J. W. Jones, D.E.S., 126, Hall-place, Maida Hill, N.W.

D. Gover, D.S.J.T., 51, Acton-street, Gray's Inn-road, W.C.

Next session will be held at South-place Chapel, Finsbury, Saturday, June 26, 6 p.m. prompt.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Calling roll of officers.
3. Report of Credential Committee.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Report of D.C.T.
6. Report of District Executive.
7. Reading of minutes.
8. Closing ceremonies.

GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE.

Lodges requiring speakers will apply to Bro. E. Hall, H.D., 40, Ranelagh-road, Harlesden, N.W.

Country members can obtain all information as to location of Lodges, &c., on applying to Bro. H. J. Easton, W.A.D.S., 9, Prince's-road, Kilburn, N.W.

J. H. RETALLACK-MOLONEY,
Worthy District Secretary.

The Limes, North Bow, E.
June 9, 1886.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

LANCASHIRE, S.E.—A week's mission was held at Harpurley, under the auspices of the Grand Alliance Lodge, who employed the services of Bro. Smith for the week. The mission commenced on Sunday, May 30. Most of the meetings were outdoor ones, the members walking in procession, headed by the beautiful banner of the Lodge. On Thursday evening the meeting was held in the Congregational school-room. Bro. Rev. E. E. Stuttard presided, and a lecture was given by Bro. Smith. It is believed that much good has been accomplished in the neighbourhood, some heavy drinkers having been persuaded to sign the pledge, and the members are expecting them to join the Lodge, were they will be assisted to keep their new formed resolutions.

WARWICK,—On June 4, at the Congregational Schools, Coventry-road, Birmingham, Bro. Walter J. Glover, D.C.T., instituted the Small Heath Arbor Vitæ Lodge. The following were chosen officers: Bro. W. J. Glover, W.C.T.; Sister Mrs. Sprague (D.V.T.), W.V.T.; Bro. G. Turner, W.Sec.; Bro. J. Doidge, W.F.Sec.; Bro. David Arkinstall, W.T.; Bro. J. H. Walters, W.C.; Bro. C. R. Smith, W.M.; Bro. J. Dent, W.Co.; Bro. F. Burgoyne, W.Sen. and Bro. Lewis, P.W.C.T. The last-named brother was also chosen as L.D. and Bro. D. Arkinstall as E.Supt. Seven new members were initiated and five were admitted on card. Others are expected to join at the next meeting.

E. AND M. SURREY OPEN AIR MISSION.—On June 6, the meeting in Colliers Rents was opened by Bro. Hill, L.D., assisted by members of Trinity Lodge, the combined Lodges intending to carry on this station. Addresses by Bros. Hill, L.D., Sister Sharp, W.C.T., Thomas Munday Lodge and others. At Vauxhall Cross the Lambeth Perservance and Pioneer Lodge had a successful meeting. This is considered a good spot. The Stockwell Hope Lodge not being allowed to hold meetings at Stockwell Green opened at Station-road, Brixton. Addresses by Bros. Gear, E.S., Somerford, Melton Ventriss, L.D., Hubbard, P.D.C.T., and Hyde, D.E.S. At this meeting a resolution was passed condemning the action of the House of Lords in throwing out the Durham Sunday Closing Bill; only two opposed. Very successful meeting. The George Thorneloe Lodge opened first open-air meeting of season in connection with Enterprise Coffee Tavern and Phœnix organisation in High-street, Peckham. Singing by members. Addressed by Sister Sharp, W.C.T., Thomas Munday Lodge; Bros. Gear, E. S. Heartfield, W.T., and Reeves, L.D. Bro. Whitehead, W.C.T., conducting. Very successful meeting carried on till 10 o'clock.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

Address, Editor, GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD, 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

A.E.S.—Write to the W.D. Secretaries of the Metropolitan Districts for copies of London "Guides to Lodges."

G. M.—We can only act upon our published decision to close the correspondence on kissing games. If your letter embodied any new argument or idea, we might insert it, but it would be useless to reiterate what has already been forcibly expressed by others.

W. E.—We certainly have not libelled either sisters or brothers, and our space is too valuable to be used for abusing ourselves.

J. T. B.—On the former occasion you allude to, your report came to hand too late, as the proceedings from another source were in type.

A. H.—A very large number of our readers are not of your opinion.

A SISTER.—Written on both sides, and the real name not given.

SARAH.—You cannot find any back numbers of the WATCHWORD which gave more reading, or we think, better assorted, independently of advertisements, than during the past three or six months.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Births, Marriages, and deaths are announced at the following rates:—Twenty words, 6d.; every six words additional, 3d. Two initials count as one word, whether prefixed or affixed to the name.

MARRIAGE.

OLIVER—VENNERS.—On June 8, at Mount Pleasant, Soennymoor, Edward Oliver, P.W.D.Co., to Eliza Venners, P.W.D.V.T. (South Durham).

DEATH.

HEYWORTH.—On June 2, Bro. Crossley Heyworth, of the Alpaca Lodge, Bradford, aged 55 years.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury. Norwood Schools, Southall. 7.30.
City of London. 181, Aldersgate-street, City.
Creatinde. 1, Wells-buildings, Harmstead, N.W. 8.15.
Orange Branch. Coug. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 49 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
Vernon. 176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood. 32, Beeson-st., New Cross, S.E.
Gen. C. Gordon. Baptist Chapel, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. 8.15.
Hand of Friendship. Shoreditch Miss. Hall, Kingsland-rd. 8.15.
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware-rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall, (back of 104, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Tav., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
W. Tewsley Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

WEDNESDAY.

Benjamin Franklin. Percy Hall 3, Percy-st., Tottenham Ct.-rd.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Harringay. Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Cronch End Hill.
Joseph Payne. Christ Church Sch., Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Currey. Sydney Hall, Leader-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior. Washington Hall, near Waudsworth-road Station.
Prudential. The Hall, St. Ann s-rd., Brixton (nr Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Crystal Palace. Prince Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel, Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road School, Clapham-rd.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Lambeth-road-park, Kennington.
Heart's Content. 68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
Hope of Streatham. Iron School-room, Natal-road, Streatham.
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Harpsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Prim. Meth. School, Grayshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street. Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.
William Linsley. Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

FRIDAY.

Angel of Mercy. Camden Hall, Kings-st., Camden Town. 8.30.
British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Limehouse.
Finsbury Progress. 168, Blackstock-rd., Highbury Vale.
Grosvenor.—Festival Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-st., Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorndelce. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Hudson. Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington Hall, Wellington-street, Islington.
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30!
BLACKPOOL.—Guiding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine. Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Bishops' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge, G. T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD. Chelmsford. Assembly Rms., Co-operative Stores.
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Templar Hall, Rodney-yde. 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7.30.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. Mrs. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Sal. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.). Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
STEYNINGHOWE.—Father Mathew. Crescent-st. School-rm. 7.30.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY.

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CARSTER.—Octacon. Temperance Hall. Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook. National School-room.
GODALMING.—Friendly. Constitutional School-room.
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NORMITON.—Hope of Norbiton, Prim. Meth. Ch., Victoria-road.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum. British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
STONE.—Feith and Hope. Christ Church School-room. 7.30.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Canton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room, Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
GT. YARMOUTH.—Bethel. Mariners Chapel, South Quay. 7.30.
KINGSTON.—Kingston-upon-Hull G.T. Hall, St. John's-st. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
LEICESTER.—Emanuel. Friar-lane Sunday-school.
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
OLD BROMPTON.—Safeguard. I.O.G.T. Hall, High-street.
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Snug Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Hecpold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Hand to Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
ST. NEOTS.—Star of St. Neots. Wesleyan Day School.

FRIDAY

BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Union Ch. Schl.-rm., Abingdon-st.
BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Concl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
LOWESTOFT.—Welcome Cocoa Tree Cafe, High-street.
MANCHESTER.—L. R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-st., At 8 saints, 7.45
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
BIRMINGHAM.—Nil Desperandum. Richardson Schl.-rm., Farm-st.
GRAVESEND.—Satellite. Temp. Hall, Manor-road.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
LEEDS.—St. George's Rosebud, Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Cavendish-road.
MANCHESTER.—Concilio et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love, Hope Chap, School-rm., Ebrington-st.
PONTYWAIN (Mon.).—Eamoel. Trinity School-room.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall. Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 71, Calle delas Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Catte Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Elisa-street), Carlton. Monday.

AUSTRALIA (SOUTH).

Grand Lodge of South Australia I.O.G.T.
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Members of the Order emigrating to South Australia will please note the address of the G.W.S.—W. W. Winwood, I.O.G.T. Office Adelaide, S.A.

MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Aden, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim, Sailors' Home, Marina Well. 7.
RAWAL PINDEE—Lacchine. 1st Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort. Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp. Wed.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Evening Room, Abbassiyeh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
EGYPT.—Lorne. N.W. Block, Ramleh Barracks.
H.M.S. SPERN, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
RICHMOND (YRS.).—Howard's Green, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHELLAL (Assouan.)—Castle of Gibraltar. 1st. Batt. Dorset Regt.
SHORBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, High-street. Monday.
MALTA.—Shropshire Guild Star s., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
OLD BROMPTON.—Red. White and Blue. I.O.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
H.M.S. NELSON, AUSTRALIA.—Red Cross. Saturday.

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JUNE 4.—SIR J. PEASE'S SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

The House resumed the consideration of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill in Committee.

On Clause 1.

Mr. STEVENSON moved an amendment, the effect of which would be to provide for entire Sunday closing throughout the whole of England, except in the Metropolis and its enburbs.

Sir J. PEASE opposed the amendment on the ground that it would be contrary to the understanding arrived at when the bill was read a second time.

Mr. FRY supported, and Viscount CRANBORNE opposed, the amendment, which was carried by 115 to 100.

Some discussion took place upon a motion to report progress, moved by Sir J. PEASE, who stated that in view of the decision of the committee, he wished to consider the position in which the bill now stood.

The motion was supported by Sir R. FOWLER and opposed by Professor STUART, Mr. CONYBEARE, and Mr. STOREY, and was ultimately carried by 113 to 110.

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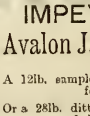

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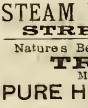

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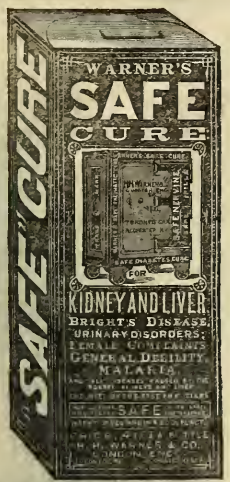

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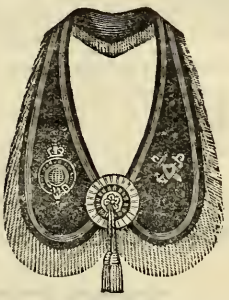

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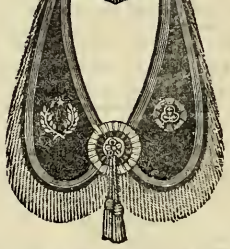

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CHAPTER I.

FATHER, MOTHER, AND SON. A BREAKFAST-TABLE CHAT. A VISITOR EXPECTED. MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD. A FOX HUNT.

Trawley Hall stands in one of the midland counties, about two miles from the nearest town, which is but small. It is situated on the left of the high road, in a fine park, possessing some of the largest oaks and beeches for miles round. The building is almost square, with a stone front, rather plain looking the whole appearance being more substantial than ornamental. A gravel drive goes straight from the road to the hall door. Here resided Thorold Creswell, Esq., thrice an unsuccessful candidate for Parliamentary honours, and now retired, after an active life of many years, from the chairmanship of one of the political associations of the borough, and all prominent part in politics, having abandoned all hope of reaching St. Stephen's. With him also were his wife, a faithful companion and helpmeet of over 40 years; and his somewhat gay son, Bertie, the days of whose years were but few past his majority, and as yet gave but slight indications of manly steadiness. These three persons were seated at the breakfast table on one of the mornings of early winter. The father's few locks, almost snowy white, with a frame bearing evidence of declining strength; the mother rather small and insignificant, but with a kindly look in her eyes very pleasant to see, and that ever had the faculty of gaining the affections of the little ones. Bertie, with his bright, sunny face, and glad, laughing eyes, showing as yet no trace of care, though at times shadowed by thought which might have had a slight sting of remorse.

"Poor girl," says his mother, "it is so sad for her to be left fatherless and motherless. I feel so sorry for her. I will do my utmost to comfort her, and make her feel at home."

"How we used to enjoy ourselves when she came here on a visit," exclaimed Bertie. "I always called her my 'Queen,' and myself her servant, whom she could command to do anything. Did you know, mother, she never would have a taste of wine, even when a little girl. She would say 'No!' shut her lips, and straighten herself up, and you couldn't persuade her."

"Yes," says the squire, "that was all her mother's doings; she always taught the girl not to touch it. Very unreasonable of her, I think."

"But she had a bitter reason for what she did," said Mrs. Creswell. "It was enough to make any woman hate to see wines and spirits."

"Just a woman's reason," the squire said. "Because one misuses a thing, no one else must even have the opportunity to use it properly."

"They said her father killed himself by drinking didn't they?" said Bertie. "I remember hearing some of the servants say so when he died."

"Yes, that is quite true, but you must be careful not to refer to it when she arrives," his mother said.

"Young as she was I believe it made a terrible impression on her, and any reference to it would no doubt be painful."

"Oh, you may trust me. I fancy, though, I shall feel rather awkward when she does come, as I have not seen her for a year or two, and people change so in that time."

"Tut, don't be childish, man," says the squire. "Why, I verily believe you're blushing," raising his eye-glass, "yes, that you are."

"Oh, no; it's only the fire, father."

"Very likely, the fire inside," said he, rising from the table and ringing the bell. "Tell Smith to have the coach ready to meet the 2.30 train at Longdon," he said to the servant who entered.

Then each separated to attend to their various occupations.

Bertie looked out of the window, whistling anything, he scarce knew what. For he was running over, or rather living again his childhood, in as many minutes as there had been years; especially the holidays spent here with Carrie Meadows as his only companion. He fancied he could hear her merry laughter, and see her jumping and frisking about as though she knew not what weariness was. He remembered climbing the tall tree there to get a bird's nest, which his "Queen" wished to have, and how she had cried when he seemed so high he could never get down. He remembered also, a man, her father, of whom she always seemed afraid, and involuntarily shrank from whenever he came near; the look of dread, which came into her face, such as a hunted deer might have when unable to escape, whenever he reproved her, as he often and needlessly did. He remembered her sobbingly telling him, "Mamma does so cry, and tells me never to marry a man who drinks, when I grow up, and 'I won't, I wont,' I said; and mamma says, looking at the ceiling, 'God—if there be any—forbid that you should.'"

All this, and much more, rushes through his mind, as he stands unconsciously gazing through the window until his eyes grow dim.

"Bert, if you're dead, speak, and I'll go," laughs a voice near. He turns quickly, and sees young Hattersly in the room, booted and spurred. "What in the name of goodness is the matter? Here I've been standing not quite a century, and might have stood until Doomsday, for the notice you'd have taken. You're very complimentary to your visitors. Come, we've a party at our place. We're having a hunt, and then a jolly tally-ho supper, so get ready quick. Now, no excuses, I'm not going back without you."

"But we've a visitor coming, I can't leave home to-day."

"Visitor be hang—I beg pardon—be remembered to-morrow. We'll let you off an hour or two earlier, but come you must. A ride to day will be simply glorious, and shake off that fit of the blues you've got."

Bertie looked through the window and inwardly consented that it would be "glorious," and perhaps it might be as well to be away when Carrie arrived. Not because he cared that much, but still it might be as well.

"Come, Bert, you're as serious as a parson, and quite as long-winded too. Let's be off. Its no one of importance is it? Some old dry M.P ?"

"Oh no! it's an old friend," said Bertie, evasively, "but I think I'll go." Soon the two were seen riding down the drive. Hattersly laughing and talking loudly enough for two; Bertie saying little, and at times half determining to go back. Half an hour's quick run brought them to the "place" as Hattersly called it, where they found that all the other "fellows" had arrived and were waiting only for them. Hattersly at once threw all the blame on Bertie, giving such a description of the condition in which he had found him, as made it appear that it was no less than an act of charity to fetch him out as he had done, and for which he thought he deserved Bertie's everlasting gratitude. All this, and the laughing comments of the others, Bertie bore not quite with his usual good humour, but soon forgot it in that all-absorbing, thrilling, revivifying run after a poor fox.

CHAPTER II.

THE ARRIVAL. WHERE IS BERTIE? A WARM WELCOME. A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT. CARRIE'S PROMISE.

About 2 o'clock the squire left in the coach for the station, having lingered as long as he could in the hope that Bertie would return. But that young gentleman was half-a-dozen miles away, and each minute was increasing the distance, utterly oblivious of everything save the fox in front. Mr. Creswell arrived at the station some minutes before the train was due; but for once it was punctual, and he had not long to wait. Only one person alighted on the platform, and that was a young lady, dressed in deep mourning; tall, and well formed evidently; the one the squire had come to meet. He reached out his hand to bid her welcome, and the old man noticed that there was a slight tremor in her voice, as she answered his many inquiries concerning the journey, her health, &c. Her voice was low, but sweet, as the squire thought, and he was not far wrong. During the drive she spoke a little, inquiring of Mrs. Creswell, and himself and Bertie.

"Oh, Bertie is well enough," he said. "Do you know, Carrie, I fancy he is getting a bit 'wild,' as they say; not much, you know, but he is rather. Nothing serious. He went out this morning for a hunt and had not returned when I started, or he might have come to meet you."

"Oh, it didn't matter," she said; though it really might have done, for she could scarcely make up her mind whether to be glad or sorry, though it ended in her being a little of both.

Mrs. Creswell was at the hall door and Carrie ran into her arms, and both wept; the one feeling she had come as to a mother, the other that she had at last a daughter.

"Come, my dear, and take your things off, you must be tired," she said, as she led Carrie to her room.

"Yes, I am, rather. The journey has seemed so long, travelling alone, I was weary of it."

"I dare say, dear," Mrs. Creswell said, looking kindly in her eyes, so kindly that it touched Carrie, and the tears came freely as she thought that never more would her mother look in her eyes like that. Ah! that sad, sad, word "nevermore," makes weaklings of us all.

Guessing somewhat of what was passing in the girl's mind, she said, "I will try to be a mother to you, dear, as long as I live."

Tears, a sob, and a kiss, were all that Carrie could give, but they were enough, and spoke plainly to the old lady's tender heart; so she stroked the golden hair and soothed her.

"Come, I am sure you want some refreshment," she said at last, as she raised Carrie's head; so they went down stairs. But it was little that she could eat, though the squire encouraged her as much as *he* knew how.

Bertie had not yet arrived, neither had he when dinner was announced, causing Mrs. Creswell to feel somewhat annoyed. It seemed very wrong to her

that he should go away in this manner on such an occasion ; but the old squire only said, "Oh you know, boys will be boys."

"Between 8 and 9 o'clock, as they were sitting round the fire, cosily talking together, they heard the rapid tread of a horse's feet on the gravel, and thought that Bertie was coming. How easily are we beguiled, and how thin and weak the foundation on which our hopes are often built. Instead of Bertie, a servant hurried in, with the message that the squire was required at once. Dread, sure harbinger of sorrow, filled their hearts, as he hurried from the room. Hattersly's coachman had ridden over to say that Mr. Bertie had left the house, accompanied by Hattersly, after supper, and riding recklessly had struck the horse savagely, which had reared and thrown him ; he was taken up insensible, and would they send the coach for him at once. Consternation took possession of them all ; the old squire staggered as though struck by a heavy blow ; Mrs. Creswell had to be carried away in a fainting condition ; Carrie only seemed to retain her presence of mind. She ordered the servants, who crowded round, to get out the coach at once, and so sharply, that they collected their senses, set to work, and had all ready in a short time. Carrie was at the hall door dressed for the journey.

"Carrie, what does this mean ?" said the squire, "you can't go out a night like this."

"Yes, I shall," she answered, quietly, but firmly.

"But you will take cold."

"I am well wrapped up ; and there is no time to lose, he may be dying." What utter despair and agony in that one last word.

So saying, she almost pushed the squire in, and got in herself, telling the coachman to drive rapidly. But he needed no exhortation. Even the horses seemed to understand what was required of them, and seemed almost to glide over the smooth snow. The squire said not a word. Carrie's face was ashen white, and her lips were compressed as if in pain. She was thinking of the difference between what she had imagined, and what the reality was. She knew now the meaning of that pleasure she had felt when thinking of coming to Trawley Hall. A bright star gleam in those midnight hours of sorrow and early bereavement, when her life was shrouded by dark storm clouds. She loved Bertie. Yes. Not as a brother as she once had thought, but far beyond everyone else. She knew it when they said he had fallen ; the knowledge of it leapt into her mind quick as the lightning's flash. Loved him, tenderly, passionately And yet, yet, she feared, trembled lest tho cause of his accident should be what she suspected, that he was—drunk. Then rose up before her the image of her mother imploring her not to unite her fate with such an one. Her childish promise came back to her mind, and its renewal on that most solemn occasion, and she said, painfully and sadly, yet firmly, "I will keep it. God help me." Her words startled her, and roused her from her reverie. Presently they stopped and the door was opened. The squire got out first ; and soon Bertie was carried to the coach, and then she knew the sad, sober truth. It was as she feared, and a thrill of horror and pain rushed through her frame, which those standing round noticed. It was not *thus* she had expected to meet him. He had been stunned by the fall ; both his collar bone and left arm were broken, but the doctor did not think he had sustained any serious internal injury. Carrie held his head in her arms; he was not conscious of her presence, and why shouldn't she ? Besides, he would never know, and she could never be his now ; it would be for the first and last time.

She seemed to have lived through years in that short half-hour's ride.

The next morning he was very feverish, and was found to be badly bruised about the face and body. He had been thrown on a heap of large stones by the road-side, which, but for their thick covering of snow, might have ended his life. Hattersly being in but a slightly better condition, had not been able to remove him until his clothes were well saturated.

The fever gained strength, and he was very restless, displacing bandages, and rapidly undoing what it had taken much care and skill to do. Only Carrie could soothe, her hand, or the sound of her voice, invariably calmed him, even before he was quite conscious who she was.

Thus the days passed, and became weeks before he was able to walk about the house unassisted. And, common as may seem the episode, in it there was a heroism and self-abnegation displayed by one, which, though known only to a few, perhaps not fully to any, puts to shame the much-vaunted and much-rewarded heroism of butchery. Truly we have fallen upon evil days, when the world delights most to honour him who slays rather than him who saves.

[*To be Concluded Next Week.*]

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION ON TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

The Rev. Edward White says "Total abstinence is the one hope of physical and eternal salvation for drunkards of every degree."

Thanks, Edward White, for this new light,
By which we clearly see
That users of the drunkard's drink
Are drunkards in degree.

We some have little drinkers called,
Who, by your light we see,
Have qualified, and taken too,
The drunkard's first degree.

And some who take a little more,
Though little it may be ;
Can claim their rights by your new light,
To number two degree.

But, sir, it is not now quite clear,
To little folks like me,
How to define, or mark the line,
The drunkard's third degree.

We further go, but do not know ;
No, sir, we cannot see,
By drops, how many, men might claim,
An extra drink degree.

But, sir, again, there is the name,
The colour and the kind,
Each plays it part, each brings it smart
To body and to mind.

Then should not each have its own weight,
Though little as you please,
In fixing of the standards for
The drunkard's own degrees.

Tom Jones is called a drunkard great,
But little makes him reel,
John Thomas six times more would take,
And would quite sober feel.

Who should stand highest in degrees,
Jones who with little reels,
Or Thomas with his six times more,
Who yet quite sober seems.

Or if Tom Jones his wife knocks down,
When on his drunken spree,
While Thomas treats his with respect,
But starves her quietly.

Which of the two, Edward, think you,
Jones reeling on the spree,
Or Thomas straight, starving his wife
Should have the best degree ?

If Thompson takes enough of ale,
To make him shoot his brother,
And Johnson just enough of gin
To make him stab his mother ;

Which of the two, Edward, think you,
Would most entitled be
To have for what they dared to do,
The drunkard's best degree?

G. COLLIN.

IT is said on good authority that the officials in South Africa are allowing spirituous liquors to be sold in Bechuanaland, despite the protests of the chiefs. If that be so, it is the bounden duty of Lord Granville to interfere. England is directly responsible for the good government of Bechuanaland. We cannot plead here, as in years gone by we pleaded with respect to Basutoland, that we can only advise the Colonial Government to interfere. We have the right to interfere without reference to any Colonial Government ; and if we would save the tribes from the most terrible curse that can fall upon them, we must interfere.—*Echo.*

IMPORTANCE OF WASHING AT HOME.—This can be done with ease and economy and the clothes made beautifully sweet, wholesome, lily-white, and fresh as sea breezes, by using Hudson's Extract of Soap, avoiding all risk of contagion with infected clothes at Laundries, or where the washing is put out. No fraying of the clothes as hard rubbing, scrubbing, brushing, or straining is unnecessary. No rotting of the clothes as when bleaching chemicals are used, The Dirt slips away, and wear and tear, labour and fuel are saved. Hudson's Extract of Soap is a pure Dry Soap, in fine powder, rapidly soluble, lathers freely, softens water. A perfect Hard-water Soap, a Cold-water Soap, a Soft-water Soap, a Hot-water Soap. Unrivalled as a purifying agent. Sold Everywhere, in Packets, One Penny and upwards.—[ADVT.]

THE HON. JAMES BLACK ON PROHIBITION AND COMPENSATION.

In reply to a letter from Bro. Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., to the Hon. James Black, who has been the nominee of the National Prohibition Party for the Presidency of the United States, and who is in the legal profession, Mr. Black writes thus :—

"I have your letter inquiring whether or not the partial or absolute prohibiting liquor laws of this, and other states of the Union, had made provision for compensation to persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors for use as a beverage for loss of, or damage to property used in such manufacture or trade.

"In the restrictive or prohibitory liquor laws of the United States I do not know of any provision for compensation to liquor sellers. A licence to make or sell is only granted for a limited time—one year—and upon the ground of necessity or benefit of the public, and never for the interest or profit of the applicants for such licence. The applicant has to show that he is a citizen of good moral character, and has a proper place for the conduct of the business of liquor selling. The licence is a privilege asked for, and is not conferred as a *matter of right* ; and the fact that he proves he has fitting accommodation for the public does not entitle. The grant is a matter of grace for the public welfare, and not for the petitioner. Hence the plea for compensation is deemed impertinent, and without any ground for support in equity or common law.

"The Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1846, permitted 18 counties to vote upon the question of 'Licence' or 'No Licence' in these counties. All of them voted against the grant of licence for the sale of liquor within their bounds. No compensation to the liquor sellers whose business was ended by this law was granted or proposed.

"In 1873, under a general Local Option law, 44 counties out of 67, covering two-thirds of the area of this State, voted against licence, and liquor making and selling ceased. One hundred and sixty-one breweries were closed under this law and vote. No compensation was proposed or allowed. The county of Potter, in Pennsylvania, beside some boroughs and townships, still have absolute prohibition.—Potter County ever since 1850. No compensation was asked or allowed. I have ordered to be mailed to you, from the National Temperance Society and Publication House, New York, a copy of the Liquor Laws of the United States. You will find no compensation provided in any of them. The idea of a 'vested' interest to liquor sellers, who annually ask for the privilege of selling is deemed absurd ; and only can come from a class of traders who deem themselves omnipotent in the politics of the country."

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN THE NORTH SEA.

The International Conference on the liquor traffic in the North Sea was opened at The Hague on June 10. Germany is represented by MM. Weymann and Donner ; Belgium, by M. Leopold Orban ; Denmark, by Captain Brunn ; France, by Commander Mangel ; the Netherlands, by MM. Rahussen, Buys, and Verkerk Pistorius; and Great Britain, by Mr. Kennedy, of the Foreign Office, and Mr. Trevor, of the Board of Trade. M. Van Karnebeek, Minister for Foreign Affairs, was present, as well as M. Van de Bergh, Minister of the Waterstaat, Commerce and Industry.

M. Van Karnebeek delivered the opening address, in which he expressed the hope that the decisions of the conference would form a logical sequel to the convention of 1881 on the question of the fishing police. The object they had in view, he continued, was to establish order and justice among the fishermen, to raise their morals, and save them from perdition, by putting an end to the abuses engendered by the traffic in spirituous liquors, especially that carried on by the coopers. Some concessions would be necessary on certain points with regard to which the legislative and administrative powers of the different Governments concerned were not in accordance.

The conference commenced its labours immediately, and elected M. Rahussen president, Mr. Kennedy vice-president, and Baron Van Regners secretary.

TEMPERANCE IN THE HARVEST FIELD.

CASH *VERSUS* BEER.

On Saturday, June 12, Mr. John Abbey, secretary of the Agricultural Department of the C.E.T.S. read a practical paper in the above subject before the Northampton Chamber of Agriculture, the Hon. Frederick Henley, J.P., in the chair. Mr. Abbey has long been recognised as an authority on this important branch of the Society's work, and therefore his papers are always listened to with the respect they deserve. Mr. Abbey observes:—Numbers of working men have told me that they find by experience that they can do their work better and with greater satisfaction to themselves when using such drinks as stokos, which is made as follows: It is very strengthening, easily made and cheap. Put ½lb. of fine oatmeal, about 6ozs. of sugar, and half a lemon cut into slices, into a pan; mix all together with a little warm water, then add a gallon of boiling water; stir thoroughly, and use when cold. The lemon may be omitted, or any other flavouring may be used instead. Pure "Lime Fruit Juice" makes an excellent flavouring, about three tablespoonfuls to the gallon, put in when cold. Cost 3d. a gallon. A fine, strong fellow told me some time ago that he "found it most helpful to him when mowing grass," he said "it was both meat and drink to him."

The strongest recommendation in favour of this movement I am able to submit to the chamber, is an extract from the journal of the Royal Agricultural Society for 1884, Vol. XX., Part II., p. 516. This quotation is from the report of the judges of the best cultivated farm for the year. The judges were, Mr. John Coleman, of York, Mr. Richard Stratton, of Newport, Monmouth, and Mr. George Street, of Malden, Ampthill, Beds. These three practical business men, after giving this subject their careful consideration, recommend that the farmers should get up an agitation themselves to abolish the custom.

"A custom which to our minds would be more honoured in the breach than in the observance, and in many instances the farmers were of the same opinion as ourselves, but the tyrant custom has been hitherto too strong for them."

After describing the system and the evils arising out of it, they go on to say:—

"Seeing how almost entirely money has been substituted for drink in many parts, and the advantages to all concerned which follow, we think that in these days of combined action by means of clubs and chambers, a well-directed agitation might be worked, and the cider evil—for such it is—done away with. Labour should be paid for in money only."

This wise and beneficient commendation, coming as it does from the Royal Agricultural Society itself, should command universal respect and attention. It more than justifies the efforts now being made to induce employers to give the value of the beer in cash, and I am happy to say that a very considerable number of farmers in various parts of the country have adopted the practice. I have recently been in communication with all the chambers of agriculture and farmers' clubs throughout the country on this subject, and have received replies from a considerable number, and every one are of an encouraging character.

The secretaries of the following societies say—

ROYAL NORTHERN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, ABERDEEN.—"The custom here is not to supply drink in the harvest field."

KILMARNOCK FARMERS' SOCIETY.—"It is not the custom, so far as I am aware, and I speak with special reference to the West of Scotland, for farmers to provide beer in the hay and harvest fields for their labourers, this being a custom peculiar to England."

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.—"In the districts I have to deal with, extra wages are paid by the farmers in harvest, the practice of supplying beer is not a general one in Ireland."

NEWCASTLE FARMERS' CLUB.—"In the northern counties the practice of giving either beer or cider in lieu of wages is unknown; the labourers are a very temperate class of men."

EAST CUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—"The committee quite sympathise with the objects your society have in view, with reference to the part payment of labourers in beer, &c., and think it a very pernicious custom."

STAINDROP FARMERS' CLUB (DURHAM).—"In this county it is not customary to give labourers drink in harvest, except on leading days, when the carters and forkers are allowed beer morning and afternoon."

BERNARD CASTLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—"Much less beer is drunk than formerly and no cider. Tea is the principal drink during hay and harvest time. Some beer is taken, but nothing to what was imbibed a few years ago."

CHESHIRE CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.—"A good number of our farmers pay in money instead of giving beer in harvest, and provide other drinks."

NORFOLK CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.—"It is the usual practice to give a small allowance of beer when thrashing, and occasionally in the harvest field, but as a rule a lump sum of money is given to cover all expenses. The objects of your society have the sympathy of many members of this chamber."

IPSWICH CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.—"Custom varies greatly in this county; I prefer to give payment for work in wages rather than in beer or malt. We want to improve the habits and tastes of labourers themselves, leading them in the right direction."

SOUTH TYNE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—"In this district the employers of labour always pay in cash, no beer being allowed; the labourers are sober, steady men."

BISHOP'S LYDEARD FARMERS' CLUB (SOMERSET).—"Public opinion in our district is becoming more and more in sympathy with your views, and in many farms, the old practice of giving workmen cider in lieu of wages is being discontinued."

NORTH WALSHAM AND AYLSHAM AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—"It is the general custom in this district to pay men their wages in full."

GUILDFORD AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—"Formerly in this district it was the almost invariable custom for farmers to give their men beer or cider during hay and harvest time, but of late years a large number have given increased wages instead."

ROYAL COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—"I am most anxious to encourage sobriety amongst the labourers under my control, and we in this district give our labourers money instead of beer during hay and harvest season."

These extracts shew that employers in various parts of the country have given considerable attention to the subject, and have or are adopting the money payment. During late years a great change in this direction has taken place in various other counties than those referred to above including Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Sussex. In fact the success has far exceeded our expectations, and the generous way it has everywhere been received and treated by both landowners and farmers is beyond all praise; and I feel confident that in a few more years the practice of supplying beer on English farms will be as rare as it is in Canada, as I am convinced that British farmers have the interests of their men at heart as much as any other class of employers, and as the beer supply had its origin in the desire to benefit and help the men, now that it has been proved to have been a mistake, I believe the same generous feeling will lead employers to see that to continue the old system is not to the best interests of the men.

Some farmers think that if the nation drank less beer they would not find such a ready sale for their barley. It is clear that those who talk in this way have never thought out the subject thoroughly in all its bearings, or they would find that agriculture has all to gain and nothing to lose from a decrease in the consumption of beer; for it is a simple fact that the brewers have now found out how to make beer without malt just as good as with it, and this is now done to such an extent that a Bill is now before Parliament to compel them to state what the liquor is made from. I recently paid a visit to a very large establishment in the neighbourhood of London where they manufacture stuff called saccharine in very large quantities. I said, "What do you use to produce this stuff?" and they said, "Oh, a variety of things," and amongst them was maize, rice, tapioca, and sago. I said, "Do you use much barley?" and the answer was, "None at all." Now the rice, maize, sago and tapioca are none of them produced by English farmers, and those farmers who are depending upon the sale of barley for malting purposes, will find, as years go on, that they are resting upon a broken reed unless they sell it at a greatly reduced price. I need not remind them that there is such a thing as *Atlantic* barley.

The drink trade is responsible for at least half the poor and county rates which the farmers have to pay. It is, therefore, clear that the abstainer is three times as good a customer to the farmer as the beer drinker. Thus the Temperance Cause is the farmer's friend, and in its success lies the secret of the success of British agriculture, as well as of trade and commerce generally.

Landed proprietors, farmers, and tradesmen should therefore be warm supporters of the Temperance Movement.

Although the farmers in days gone by have sometimes given Temperance workers the cold shoulder, they may depend upon it we are among their best and truest friends, and we would be greatly rejoiced to see the return of good times for the yeomen of our country. I know when the farmers thrive the country prospers; and I for one can say from the depths of my heart—

> "Good luck to the hoof and the horn,
> Good luck to the flock and the fleece,
> Good luck to the grower of corn,
> With blessings of plenty and peace."

PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

JUNE 16.—INTOXICATING LIQUORS (SALE TO CHILDREN) BILL.

On the motion that the House should go into Committee on this bill.

Viscount GRIMSTON moved, as an amendment, that the House should go into committee on the bill on that day three months. He was opposed to such grandmotherly legislation.

The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER, in reply to Mr. Cavendish Bentinck, said the Government were prepared in committee to amend the bill in order that it might not prevent a parent sending his child to a licensed house for liquor to be consumed off the premises. The object of the bill, in its amended form, would be to prevent a child under 13 years of age from going into a public-house and getting served with liquor for his or her own consumption.

After some further discussion the amendment was by leave, withdrawn, and the House went into committee on the bill.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved an amendment the object of which was that a publican would be liable to a penalty if he "knowingly supplied or allowed any person to supply" intoxicating liquors to a child under 13 years of age.

The amendment was agreed to.

Sir R. WEBSTER then moved an amendment to add after "13 years of age," the words "for his or her own consumption."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was then reported to the House.

LOCAL VETO (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Mr. MCLAGAN explained that he would not press the second reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill, and the order would accordingly be discharged and the bill withdrawn.

THE POOLE PERJURY CASE.—In the House of Commons on June 10 Mr. Childers (Home Secretary), in reply to Mr. W. S. Shirley, said he had inquired into the merits of this case, and that he saw no reason for interfering with the sentence of seven years' penal servitude.

A LAUDABLE ENTERPRISE.—For years past, our Quaker friends at Street, Somerset, have been experimenting and devising how to utilise the vast fruit supply of the district for purposes other than cider and British wines, which, of course, they would not have anything to do with, and the result is the establishment, by Sister Impey, sen., and others, of the "Avalon" (Vale of Apples) steam preserve and pickle company, which already supplies tons of these delicious and perfectly pure jams, preserved fruits and pickles to great shipping and other firms. The preserves include every variety of fruits of the best kind, but their specialities consist of preserved apples with ginger flavour; much like preserved ginger; apple jelly, an excellent apple pickle, besides mixed pickles in pure apple vinegar, and a delicious chutnee from a famous receipt. Cheaper preserves are mixed blackberry and apple, gooseberry and apple, strawberry and apple, &c., in which the colour and flavour of the first-named fruit takes the lead. Orange and apple marmalade, too, is excellent. We have ourselves purchased sample cases with much satisfaction and we recommend our readers to at once send 5s. for a case of samples for trial, as set forth in our advertising columns. This is no interested puff on our part, but a recommendation of a good enterprise, well calculated to lessen cider and wine consumption, and save the fruit for delectable and wholesome eating. We have seen them being made, and can vouch for their purity and excellence.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held in North Evangelical Church at Watertown recently. The reports of the G.W.C.T. and G.W.Sec. shewed an increase of 50 per cent. in the membership. Sister Miss Jessie Forayth presented an interesting report of the R.W.G.L. Session. A pleasing feature of the session was the admission of a large delegation of the members of the Watertown Juvenile Temple, who presented a bouquet to the G.W.C.T., and sang several pieces. The officers for the term just entered upon are: G.W.C.T., Bro. C. A. Stevens; G.W.Sec., Sister Miss Jessie Forsyth; and our brother, the Rev. S. C. Goosely—the coloured professor whose exclusion from the Order prior to our split from the Americans was one of the leading incidents—was appointed P.G.W.C.T.

NORWAY.

The following is part of a letter from Bro. Lars O. Yensen, a student of Christiana University, who represented the G.L. of Norway at our R.W.G.L. Session at Stockholm last summer:—

Perhaps we Norwegians are too much afraid of being criticised. We are afraid that people will laugh at us. In our Lodge, for instance, it is very difficult to get a member to read a paper, or in any way appear on the platform, though I feel assured that the other members would but be thankful. Yet I hope that when people get more accustomed to it they will not be so shy.

You have difficulties in England, too, I see, so that we Norwegians are not the only ones that are troubled in one or the other way. You tell me that your Lodge is in a little village, two miles off. That sounds very much to me, but when I remember that it means English miles I find that I have quite as long way, though my Lodge is in the same town. In some parts of Norway there are, however, Good Templars that have two or three Norwegian miles (viz., 14 to 21 English) to the Lodge, and yet visit it regularly.

As for the Temperance Mission, we do very little here in Norway. The Grand Lodge has engaged one Temperance speaker, and he makes good work; but what we need is just the thing you speak of—that some of the members should hold Temperance meetings where they live and sometimes take little trips to other places. Yet our Order is making progress anually. The Parliament (Storthing) has given 8,000 kroner to the Temperance cause, and of this sum we have got the 800 kroner (about £20). This sum will help us very much in keeping our Grand Lodge agent.

We now try in Christiana to get up a "Coffee Palace"—no palace in the real sense of this word, but a fine Temperance café, especially for tradesmen and the young clerks, that will not visit our many coffee-houses. If it would go I am sure it would do much good.

WEST INDIA.

The Bahama Islands have been free from that wholesale manufacture of rum, &c., which prevails in Jamaica and other West Indian islands, but a bill has recently been introduced into its House of Assembly with a view to legalise and develop the manufacture. This was especially repugnant to the Good Templars and others who had obtained from the Assembly a Local Option Act, and had got it enforced in several districts. The Manufacture of Spirits Bill came up finally on April 21. The Assembly had been sitting in committee of the whole House, over which Mr. T. N. G. Clare (who is G.W. Chief Templar of the I.O. Good Templars) was presiding. On the Speaker resuming the chair, it was moved that the Spirits Bill be now read a second time. Mr. Clare moved as an amendment that the Bill be read that day three months, and his amendment was carried, thus defeating the bill altogether.

BURMAH.

An esteemed correspondent writes from Bhamo:—"Burmah is a fearful place for cheap drink and heavy crime. The natives manufacture what is called Sham-sho; it is supposed to be made from rice and lime. One may form an idea of its power when I assure you that it will dissolve a Martini-Henry bullet in 30 minutes. It burns out the inside of those who drink it, and I am afraid it will play fearful havoc amongst our troops before this summer is past." We are glad to hear from the same source that determined efforts are being made by Burmah Good Templars to suppress the sale of this fiery poison, and they have no doubt that Government will take action shortly in the matter in their own interest, if not in that of the Temperance cause. Among other doubtful mercies, Burmah will be favoured with a revised abkarry ruling, which is sure to moderate the strength of this dreadful poison. Much more to the point are those efforts now being taken by members of our Order to have Temperance pledges widely circulated, and an alliance formed against the ruinous traffic.—*Indian Good Templar.*

NOVA SCOTIA.

BRO. LANE, R.W.G.T., writes:—I organised a splendid Lodge in Canning a week or two since. Thirty-five Charter members; 20 new propositions at the first and second, and 14 more on the third night after.

A new District Lodge was organised by our G.W.C.T., Bro. Rogers, for Yarmouth and King's Counties.

Pleasant Point, in Nova Scotia, where we organised a Lodge about seven years ago, has at last enrolled every adult in the place—of course the Point only has about 39 souls, but that does not alter the fact.

MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

A new Lodge was organised at Lawton, Michigan. Twenty-five Charter members by Sister Emma Mason and Bro. Hollinrake.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The eigh th annual session of this G.L. took place at Adelaide, Tuesday, March 2, G.W.C.T. Stephens presiding. The annual report of the Executive was presented by the G.W.Sec., and shewed that among other things the Executive had taken steps to secure an important site at Adelaide Railway Station for advertising the Order, time and place of meeting of local Lodges being thus announced. The Executive had felt themselves unable to engage a Grand Lodge lecturer, owing to continued depression and lack of funds. Attempts had been made to secure the incorporation of the Order, but owing to the expense being considerable it was referred to G,L. Active steps had been taken for the suppression of dancing in the Lodges. The statistical report shewed 954 members in good standing, a decrease on the year of 313. From the statistics it is apparent the losses are most by suspension for arrears. G.W.T. report shews a slight balance in hand. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—G.W.C.T., Bro. W. B. Stephens; G.W.Co., Bro. J. F. Grutzmacher; G.S.J.T., Bro. A. J. Barnes; G.W.Sec., Bro. W. W. Winwood; G.W.T., Bro. S. Hollow. At the second day's sitting a discussion took place having reference to an official organ for the G.L., but was left to the Executive. Telegraphic greetings were received from G.L. of New South Wales. The matter of incorporation having been again considered, was referred to Executive again. It was resolved that the annual session of the G.L. should be held in the month of March in each year, and at such time and place as may be fixed by G.L. in session. Session was brought to a close by votes of thanks to past officers, &c.

The Government of New South Wales have added Bro. Alexandra Hutchinson, G.W.C.T. of New South Wales, to the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the evils arising from the drink traffic.

At Melbourne a "Weak Lodges Resurrection League" has been formed. All power to the "Resurrectionists"!

CEYLON.

Bro. F. W. Daehfield, P.V.D., Heaven's Light Our Guide Lodge, Point de Galle, Ceylon, writing to the G.W.C.T., reports his having re-instituted that Lodge at Galle in connection with the 9th Battery of the 1st Brigade Royal Regiment of Artillery, stationed there; such institution being at the request of our military brethren, and on the authority of the W.D.Sec. of Naval District. They have at time of writing 14 members on books, and 21 have promised to join the Lodge at Colombo on reaching headquarters.

INDIA.

The Grand Lodge of India, in Annual Session, met at Agra on April 15. There were 86 representatives, grand officers and members present, The following are the names of the Executive officers elected for the ensuing year:—Bro. Lance-Sergeant M. Flynne (Nowgong), G.W.C.T.; Bro. Quartermaster-Sergeant W.H. Collins, G.W.Coun.; Bro. A. Rule (Bombay), G.W.V.T; Sister Sarah Griffiths, G.S.J.T.; Bro. Sergeant W. E. Webb (Meerut), G.W.S.; Bro. F. T. Atkins (Allahabad) G.W.Tr.; Bro. Rev. W. Hill (Morar), G.W.Chap.; Br. Kearsey, G.W.M. The G.W. Secretary's report shewed the gains of the Order to have been 5,204, being a net gain and accession to membership of 322. The total membership at December 31, 1885, being 2,536. The report also referred to exceptional trials during the year caused by the preparations for active service in April and May, the assemblage at Rawal Pindi and Delhi, together with removal of regiments to Burmah. The G.W.Sec., in commenting on the heavy losses from violation of obligation, urged the serious consideration of this all important problem.

NOTES FROM SWEDEN.

By BRO. OSKAR EKLUND, P.R.W.G.M.

Our brethren in Gothenburg have just brought into Parliament a Good Templar brother, A. Torngren, a schoolmaster. He has for a long time been nominated by the Liberal party as a candidate, but he has always been beaten. Now, since he was a Good Templar—he has been a G.T. about one year—he went with a large majority. The election took place in order to fill a vacancy caused by Sir Charles Dickson, who had been elected to the first chamber.

Some weeks ago we had a very interesting election battle here in Stockholm. One of our members in Parliament died, and the people had to elect another.

We have now, I think, about 30 teetotalers in our Parliament (*Vilisdag*). In the Norwegian *Storling*, we have 19 teetotal seats.

The Temperance and sectarian men nominated Mr. Ernst Beileman, a teetotaler, and second editor of the largest Swedish paper, *Stockholms Dagblad* (the day paper of Stockholm). Some other parties nominated another. The result was our candidate was the winner, with 150 votes more than the other.

As I think you know, the King in Sweden last year brought forward a proposition for the Swedish Parliament to determine on the prohibition of the selling of intoxicating liquors during Sundays, except during the dinner time.

This law was with some small alterations adopted by Parliament. But it was added to the royal proposition, that "in places, where special circumstances may be found, the county governor could allow selling of intoxicating liquors at any time during Sundays excepting during the time for Divine service in the State Church."

In all towns in Sweden, the people don't want the Sunday traffic, but the Town Councils, which have a good profit from it for the town, would not loose it.

In some smaller places, where the *Good Templar Order* has had something to say, the new law was kept, but in the larger towns the Town Councils asked the governor for Sunday selling.

The Temperance men, specially the Good Templars, had large meetings in Gothenburg, Stockholm, Nonköping, Linköping, Gefle, Upsala, and elsewhere, protesting against the council's wishes in the matter.

From 1,000 to 4,000 people attended those meetings.

Resolutions were passed and adopted, and deputations were elected to the governor and to the king.

Very curiously indeed, some governors in some counties (*läu*) did allow the Sunday selling and others prohibited it.

In *Linköpings läu*, where the town *Nonköping* is situated (which, as regards population, is the third town in Sweden), Sunday selling was *not allowed*. The same in *Kopparbergs läu*.

But in Stockholm, Gothenburg, and most of the others, it was allowed.

Now, the Temperance party did not agree to the resolutions by the governors. Of course they have given appeals to the king. And in those counties where the Temperance party were the winners, the liquor traffickers party appealed to the king. Is it not very curious? What will the king do? It seems that he will do nothing, because six months have gone since the appeal took place.

We hope he may do as he has said to me many

times when I have spoken to him. He said when I and Bro. A. H. Berg, G.W.C.T., and Bro. Lundin, P.G.W.C., delivered to him the handsome illuminated address from our R.W.G. Lodge, "I will support the Temperance cause as far as is possible!"

But how has he supported our cause? He brought into this year's Parliament a new Bill, allowing public-houses to open with the consent of the authorities even during the evening sermon at seven. Again the Temperance friends had to have meetings and deliver petitions and so on. The first chamber adopted the royal proposition, but in the second chamber there was a grand debate and the Temperance cause won with a large majority, 108 votes against 75. Of course the Bill was *not* made *law*.

The royal Bill was delivered because the public holders in Stockholm sent a petition to the king about the question. It is very curious that the king listened to that petition, and yet will not at all listen to the Temperance petition with about 200,000 signatures in favour of prohibition. The petition was delivered some weeks ago to the king by Stockholm's Allmanna nyhterbeta-komité (the general Temperance committee of Stockholm), of which I am a member.

You have already been told about our good Bishop L. Landgren, of Hernogand, who don't like teetotalism and the Good Templar Order at all. He sent out some months ago a letter to his ministers saying therein that abstinence is very bad, that our Lord Jesus Christ drank wine, that a well educated man must drink wine, and that the Good Templar Order is a very bad institution and so on. My paper, *Svenska Good Templar*, answered him, and Bros. J. Aspling, A. H. Berg, G.W.C.T., Rev. P. Nymaneon, Rev. W. Newlin, and Bro. Broome, D.C.T., had excellent replies published in it. Those replies were afterwards reprinted in a small book, of which was sold during two months 10,000 copies. The Lodges arranged public meetings, and gave one copy to each one attending. In all 15,000 copies of the replies were sent out, also 5,000 in *Svenska Good Templar*.

I think that the bishop has done the Order good service, and we want such a bishop every month! It would put a good deal more life in our friends, and enemies too.

The Order is going on well. In the northern part not so well as before. More improvement now in the southern districts. I think our membership is about 40,000.

The Temperance friends in Parliament have asked for money for the Temperance cause. They have asked for 15,000 kronor. Yet the Parliament has not voted anything; but the committee has proposed 8,000 kronor—not quite £500.

Our good brother, Rev. J. F. H. Gauzon, of Osthammar, the Good Templar town, as it was called, died the 1st of this month. He was the first State Church minister who became a Good Templar in this country. He became a member in the early part of 1882. He was from 1882 to 1885 our G.W.Ch. The Good Templars are now about to collect more money for his large family. We hope to get about £500.

We shall have our G. Lodge meeting this year at Molmo, in the south of Sweden. We begin our G.L. meeting on the Midsummer Day.

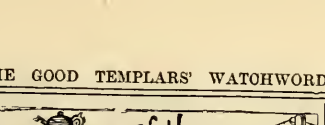
Our Bro. J. T. Lundin, P.G.W.Co., is about to build an aquarium and winter garden, with a Temperance restaurant.

It will be a very grand concern if it is possible for him to accomplish it.

I send you best wishes and greetings to all English friends from myself and all Swedish Good Templars.

NATIONAL HOME MISSION FUND.—A copy of the following circular has been issued to each of the 52 working Lodges in the District of South Durham:—"To the Lodge Deputy. Dear Sir and Brother,—Please communicate to your Lodge the undernoted resolution, unanimously adopted at the District Lodge session held at Butterknowle on May 25, and if a collector has not been appointed, please see that the same is done without further delay. I shall be glad to supply any extra collectors' cards that may be required.—Yours fraternally, William Ayton, W.D.Sec. Resolution: 'That this District Lodge expresses its regret that the subscriptions to the Home Mission Fund have so considerably fallen off, and we hereby pledge ourselves to try and awaken in the Sub-Lodges the enthusiasm that this most vital part of our work demands.'"

BRO. ROSBOTTOM is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[ADVT.]



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METROPOLITAN.

Baker-street.—"Alliance of Marylebone." June 7. Sick Committee reported favourably of Sister Hatcher, who has been seriously ill. Bro. Yendell gave report of Sub-District Committee shewing the arrangements for united pic-nic and sports. The programme for the evening, roll call, proceeded with, most of the membership (34) being accounted for; after which harmony prevailed most successfully until the close. A committee was appointed to work up the details for Lodge anniversary.

Stockwell.—"Stockwell Hope." June 5. The following resolution was adopted:—"That this Lodge records its indignation at the action of the House of Lords in throwing out the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, which passed through the House of Commons by a large majority, thus acting in direct opposition to the wants and wishes of the people of Durham. It further declares that should such action be repeated it will be the duty of the House of Commons, as representing the people of the United Kingdom, to petition her Majesty to issue a royal warrant over-ridiog the action of these irresponsible and hereditary legislators, and grant the people of this county their request."

Chiswick.—"Gunnersbury." June 2. Official visit from Kew Lodge, who ably officered and entertained; two initiated and several proposed for membership; a pleasant and enjoyable evening spent. June 9. Public meeting, chairman, Bro. Colbert, V.D.; entertainers, Bros. Colbert, Dunkley, Grigg, Nichols and Howard.

Waterloo-road.—"South London." June 11. Programme, jokes and jollity; surprise visit of following distinguished visitors:—Bro. Wawrinsky, G.W.Co. (Sweden), Bro. S. W. Tysoe, W.D.Ch. (Bede.), Bro. Pinhorn, D.C.T., Bro. Hodges, W.D.S., Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.D.Ch., Sister Lewis (East and Mid Surrey), Sister Haarnack, P.W.D.V.T., Sister Weeks, P.W.D.V.T., Bro. T. C. Macrow, P.W.D.G., and Bro. H. J. Easton, W.D.A.S. (Middlesex). Short practical addresses given by most of the above. The greetings of the Lodge given to Bro. Wawrinsky, who is about to return to his own country.

Peckham.—"Peckham." June 11. "Turning out the W.C.T." was the programme after the business. Particulars of Saturday half-holiday excursion settled.

Clapham-road.—"General Garfield." June 10. One received on c.c. Open Lodge at 8.30 p.m. Chairman, Bro. Wyatt, L.D. Songs by Sisters Davey, Wyatt, Sutherland, Creed, and Bro. Sutherland. Recitations by Bros. C. Johnson, Smith, Peacock, Wyatt, and Fowler. Duet by Bro. and Sister Sutherland. Short addresses by Bros. Wyatt and C. Johnson. Three pledges taken. Fifty-four present.

Shaftesbury Park,—"Shaftesbury Park." June 10. Aggregate meeting of Lodges in Clapham and Battersea, presided over by Bro. Colline, C.S., who explained the duty of Good Templars as politicians, which was spoken to by the representatives present from seven Lodges.

Putney.—"Emanuel." June 10. One member reinstalled; an invitation from William Tuesley Lodge accepted; Bro. Hilton, V.D., conferred the degrees; be afterwards took the chair and carried out the programme for the evening, which was Sankey's songs and solos.

Longhorough Junction.—"William Tweedie." June 9. Gresham Lodge visited and officered; a most pleasant evening spent in listening to the visitors, who entertained well. Bro. Manning acted as W.C.T., Bro. Marrillier gave two songs, Bro. Smith, recitation; Sister Martin, pianoforte solo; and Bros. Eban and Stone each gave a recitation. Refreshments were provided. Bro. A. F. Fryke, V.D., being present, addressed a few words to the members and visitors; good attendance.

Holloway.—"Morning Star." June 4. An enjoyable session; visit of Sister Weeks, P.D.V.T., who gave an interesting address; also surprise visit of Joseph Payne Lodge, who very ably entertained. Notice was received to quit Lodge room, and a committee appointed to seek fresh quartere.—June 11. Visit of Lincoln and Garfield Lodges, whose members entertained; Lodge meetings are getting brighter.

King's Cross.—"Excelsior." June 3. One admitted on c.c. Impromptu speeches by Bros. Scotting, W. Watts, North, R. Watts, W. Kernon, on various subjects.—June 10. Visit of the Angel of Mercy Lodge. Songs, recitations, duets, &c. Pleasant session.

Chelsea.—"James McCurry." June 10. Two initiated and three proposed. The following contributed to the evening's entertainment:—Songs by Bros. C. Grigg, Gray, Humpherson, Hanks, and T. W. H. Grigg; recitations by Sister Tearle, and Bro. Austin. Lodge working well. Forty present.

Commercial-road.—'Mile End." May 29. Entertainment by the Hope of Ratcliff J.T. Open to the public. The Juveniles, under Bro. Brown, gave a capital entertainment, consisting of songs, recitations, and glees, concluding with a very laughable sketch. After a very hearty vote of thanks had been given the Juveniles, they were regaled with oranges and cakes. A number of the members' friends attended and were very well pleased with the fare provided. Good meeting. Large sale of WATCHWORDS.—June 5. Pound night. After the pounds had been disposed of, the Lodge was officered by the brethren of the Naval and Military Lodge, Deptford, who had paid a surprise visit. Bro. Hill presented report of last soirée, which resulted in a profit to the Lodge of £1 7s. 2d. Sister Fletcher gave a very pleasant report of the proceedings of D.L., great pleasure being evinced at the election of the D.C.T. to the office of G.W.Chap. A donation ordered to be sent out of the Samaritan fund to a brother out of employment. G.W.C. Templar's circular read, and, after discussion, adopted. Very busy session. Good attendance.—June 12. Brothers' night. The brothers contributed some very good songs, &c., Letter read from Bro. Tonhamy, H.M.S. Colossus, announcing that he had just instituted a Lodge on board, and named it the Happy Home. The congratulations of this Lodge ordered to be sent to him and the members of the Happy Home.

Shadwell.—"Pride of Lyttelton." June 4. Sisters to surprise and entertain. Programme well sustained. The surprise consisted of fruit and cakes, which were handed round, the sisters afterwards rendering some very pretty songs and recitations.—June 11. Recitation contest for brothers (entrance fee, 5d.) for a prize presented by Bro. Page, P.V.D. After a close contest it was won by Bro. Sorrell, Bro. Lighton, jun., second. Lodge progressing. The Juvenile Temple recently started in connection with this Lodge is making very good progress, initiating members every session.

Forest Gate.—"Forest Gate." June 11. The Lodge Deputy spoke with reference to the action of the sitting member for this district in connection with the promised for the recent measures in Parliament affecting the Temperance question; and the Electoral Supt. (Bro. Noble) was requested to question him at an early date on the subject, so that the Temperance party in the borough would know what course to take, as he has offered himself as a candidate for the next election. Bro. Noble promised to bring each week to the Lodge as many WATCHWORDS as were required by the members, as hitherto a difficulty was experienced in obtaining the same with promptitude. A paper was read by Bro. Barlow, L.D. Subject, "Ale and Beer—Are they food?" (open Lodge at 9 o'clock), which was of a highly instructive character. Bro. Barrett, W.C.T., and Bro. Johnson, G.W.C.T., spoke on the paper, and a vote of thanks was given to Bro. Barlow for giving the same.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell." June 12. Good session. Well attended. Sister Gray, R.W.G.M., of Antwerp, spoke words of cheer. Bro. Goddard, W.C.T., presided. The Lodge resolved to take part in the Crystal Palace Fête and a committee was appointed to attend to the same. The special committee on the choral and elocutionary class brought up report and read the rules and regulations, the whole of which were adopted by the Lodge. The class will meet every Tuesday evening, terms 6d. per quarter. Three new members were admitted and others proposed. Bros. Griffiths, and Bugden were appointed delegates to attend with Bro. Haselgrove the meeting called by the D.E.S. Fraternal greetings were received and ordered to be sent by visitors to their various Lodges. Business being concluded, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. WATCHWORDS sold.

Chelsea.—"Marlborough." June 15. One admitted as an Ancient Templar, Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T. An earnest address by Bro. Witheridge, P.W.D.Co., also bringing from several Plymouth Lodges their fraternal greetings to our Lodge. Few remarks from Bro. T. C. Macrow, L.D., Bro. J. Gutterson, P.W.C.T., and Bro. F. Turney, W.C.T. WATCHWORDS taken regularly.

PROVINCIAL.

NEWTON ABBOT.—"Samuel Albert." May 4. Installation of officers; arrangements made for anniversary tea, &c.—May 11. Officers' reports and general business; two admitted on c.c., one proposed.—May 13. Discussion on the division of the district, in which nearly all the members took part; unanimously resolved that this Lodge disapproves of any division of this District. One admitted on c.c.—May 24. Letter night; very interesting session; a letter of condolence ordered to be sent to Bro. and Sisters Frost in their family bereavement.—June 1. Practice of odes.—June 3. Anniversary tea and entertainment; fairly attended; Bro. Parr, D.C.T. of Torquay, in the chair; singing by Sisters Balchild, Curtis, Baker, and Clist; Misses Secombe, Holbry (2), Partridge, Watton and Baker; Bros. Curtis, Messrs. Snell, Heyward, and Holby; violin solos by Miss Partridge, piano duets, Bro. and Sister Curtis; humorous reading, Mr. J. A. Cowell; very successful anniversary.—June 8. Secretary read report of tea, shewing balance in hand 7s. 7d.; resolved to have new set of rituals; Bro. Blank, D.E.S. and V.D. of Torquay, introduced, and addressed the Lodge; Bro. T. Case recommended as L.E.S.; one initiated; Lodge progressing.

MANCHESTER.—"City." May 20th. Sister Ursell gave a report of D.L. which was very interesting. Final arrangements were made for our annual pic-nic. Bro. Boucher (a military brother) presented the fraternal greetings of the Harbour of Friendship Lodge, York.—May 27. A motion was adopted, after a deal of discussion, that we enter our strong protest against the restrictions placed upon Good Templars by the bye-laws against character dress and kissing games, passed at last Grand Lodge. Songs by Sisters Parfitt and Thumpstone; readings by Sister Newton and Bro. Hunter.—June 3. Bro. John Edwards, G.W.Co., gave a most interesting and instructive essay "Explanatory of Good Templary," in which he shewed all the advantages of the Order. Bro. Plummer presided.—June 10. Visited by Bro. A. Boggis, P.W.D.S. and H.D. of the Isle of Wight, who spoke for a time on the work of the Order in all parts of the country, and concluded by presenting the greetings of the Loyal Alexandria's Pride Lodge, West

Green, London. A very interesting and enjoyable evening.

CHESTERFIELD.—"Commonwealth." June 7. A tea given by Bro. Bateman to which 46 sat down. After tea the chair was taken by Bro. Aldermen Higginbottom, J.P., who gave an earnest address. Songs and recitations were given by Bros. Hollingworth, Pendleton, Levers, Walker, Goodwin, Stead; duet by Sisters Stock and Cooper; Sister Stocks presided at the harmonium; two initiated, making 13 this quarter, and two proposed proposed; a very pleasant evening.

NORWICH.—"City of Norwich." June 9. A very instructive paper was read by Bro. Bessey, E.S., on the political situation to the licensing and drink traffic. A cordial reception was given to Bros. Troop-Sergeant Fenton and Sergeant Osborne, of the 19th (Princess of Wales' Own) Hussars, who have just returned from Egypt, having gone through the whole of the Soudan Campagne since 1882. In addressing the Lodge they expressed their opinion that the drink traffic has proved disastrous to the British army. Being social pound night there was a numerous display of confectionery, fruit, &c. One initiated.

NOTTINGHAM.—"Hope and Lifeboat." June 9. On the proposition of a brother, seconded by a sister, it was (with only one dissentient) resolved that the Lodge expresses its regret that the Grand Lodge should have interfered with the action of Subordinate Lodges by prohibiting character dress, certain games, &c.

CHESTER.—"Cestrian." June 8. Musical evening by the Lodge Glee Party, to which non-members were invited. The programme was well selected, and the glees, anthems and songs were well rendered. Bro. Davies gave an amusing reading. Bro. T. Hanmer, W.T., presided.

LEICESTER.—"Spartan." May 31. After preliminary business, the programme being Bro. Whitehall's night, it was proceeded with. Bro. Billson, who was present at Lodge for the last time previous to leaving Leicester for Australia, was presented with a handsome dressing-case by Bro. G. H. Kirk on behalf of the Lodge. First-class entertainment. Over 40 members and visitors present.

WHITCHURCH.—"Hope of Whitchurch." June 5. Full Lodge. Committee reported favourably on two candidates. Programme, Experience Night.—June 12 Good attendance. Decided that there shall be a picnic to Chester in August. Programme, short readings.

SPALDING.—"Hand-in-Hand." June 3. Bro. Taylor, V.C.T. Interesting and amusing debate on "Kissing Games," which the Lodge decided by vote were not detrimental to the interests of the Order.—June 10. A fair number of members who attended were much instructed and interested with a speech on "The Prospects of Temperance Legislation," by Bro. Joseph Wilson, of the *Spalding Free Press*.

OLD BROMPTON. — "Safeguard." June 10. One initiated and two restored. Question-box was ably carried out, some of the questions and answers being very instructive; about 52 present.

WINCHESTER.—"Itchen Valley." May 28. Officered and entertained by P.W.C.T.'s. Each office was filled, and all members of this Lodge. A capital programme; one initiated.—June 4. Sisters' night, under the direction of Sister Macklin. Songs, Sisters Chevilier, Mills, Macklin; duets, Sisters Macklin and Mills, Sisters Mills and Chevilier; duet on the piano by the Sisters Macklin, jun. Reports of District Lodge Reps.; two initiated.—June 11. Coffee supper; former members of the Lodge invited, several of whom were present. Bro. Cheekly and Sisters Macklin and Whitear a song; an address by Bro. Weeks; four gave their names for initiation. A very enjoyable meeting.

HAVERHILL.—"Never Venture Never Win." May 20. Bro. F. D. Unwin gave a report of his visit to the Grand Lodge Session at Newport.—May 24.—Two initiated. Sir ging practice.—May 25. Visit to Saffron Walden Lodge. Thirty-five members drove over. A public meeting was held in the Town Hall. Very large attendance. —May 31. Three initiated. Entertainment by single members.—June 7. Five initiated. Entertaiomeut by officers. The following took part:—Sister E. Unwin, Brothers F. Sharpe, W. Rowliogson, H. F. Thake, F. D. Unwin, and W. Poole. Refreshments were provided by Bro. J. Bareham. Very pleasant evening.

PLYMOUTH.—"Ark of Love." May 22. Officered by the Truth and Grace Lodge. A very enjoyable evening. —May 29. Sale night, proceeds for the benefit of the Dove's Refuge J.T. The Temple numbers over 300 members.—June 5. Paper read by Bro. Griffiths, entitled "Is not our Good Templary a sham?" The paper, which was an excellent one, was listened to with the greatest attention. A discussion followed on the merits and demerits of our Order as a religious and political power.—June 12. Officered by the Persevers and Rescue Lodge; Bro. Hayward in the chair. A very pleasant evening was spent.

NEW MALDEN.—"Sure Refuge." June 4. Bro. Wren, W.S. of Hope of Norbiton, read an excellent and instructive paper, entitled "No. 1 (Self.)" It was received and freely discussed.—June 11. Roll call. Captain's list made for looking up absentees. Second Degree meeting. Two admitted. Impromptu speaking, pleasantly and amusingly carried out. Good subject discussed by numerous members.

DARTMOUTH.—"Onward and Upward." June 4. Spelling bee. Three prizes given. After a very sharp contest the prizes fell to Bros. Steer, Wallace, and Bedford.—June 11. Conundrum night. Two prizes, the first to fall to the one that answers most, and the second to the one that gave the most not answered. There was a splendid competition, and after several rounds the first prize fell to Bro. C. Farley, L.D., and the second to Bro. Rich. One admitted on c.c.

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." June 11. A visit from Bro. Captain Phipps, R.N., P.G.M., who presided. It being United Lodge Session prior to D.Lodge meeting, good attendance from different Lodges. Bro. Captain Phipps gave an earnest address, urging upon the members not in any way to continue the dancing or character plays in the Lodge. Bro. Phipps was heartily thanked for his presence. One member re-admitted and one initiated.

SOUTH STOCKTON.—"Scotia." June 10. Bros. Newby, W.D.S.; Sykes, W.D.M.; Sister Jones, W.D.C.; and Bro. Taylor, V.D., paid official visit. The programme for the night being experience, several of the visitors and members gave very spirited and interesting addresses, after which the Lodge sat in Third Degree, when six brothers were admitted. Bro. Newby, W.D.S. presiding.

BRAMPTON.—"Lifeboat." June 1. Five candidates initiated.—June 8. One initiated and four proposed. Visited by Lifeboat J.T., who gave a good entertainment. Members present 140.

MANCHESTER.—"Concilio et Labore." June 12. Experience night. Speeches by Bros. Gibbon, D.T.; Parfitt, C.C.T.; H. J. Weatherill, Moss (Nottingham), and Fowler, D.C.T. of North-East Lancashire, who presided. Many other members also gave their Good Templar experience. One on c.c. One re-admitted.

SPENNYMOOR.—"Triumph of Hope." June 2. Sister J. Ayton submitted report, as D.L. Rep. Address by Bro. H. H. Syme, W.C.T.—June 9. Two proposed. Visit of Bro. J. Hattrass, V.D. Resolution adopted congratulating Bro. and Sister Oliver on their marriage. Bro. W. Ayton read report of D. L. Reps to Grand Lodge. An essay on "Tobacco" was then given by Bro. D. Kennedy, which was discussed by Bros. Harrison, Witherington, Dodgson, and others.—June 10. Open air meeting addressed by Bro. C. J. Seaman, W.D.T. Good attendance. About 200 Alliance leaflets distributed. Bro. W. Ayton, W.D.Sec., presided.

DEVONPORT.—"Gordon Memorial." June 11. Bro. Corpl. Ford presided; a resolution was passed and placed in the minutes: "That the Gordon Memorial Lodge work under the South Devon District." Two brothers of the Artillery and one brother of the M.S.Corps. were initiated. Bro. Rev. M. Moore, L.L., gave an address on the best way to bring military brothers to the Order as suggested by Bro. McLean, V.D.; eight brothers were proposed for the next session.

OLDHAM.—"Love at Home." June 3. Public meeting. Chair taken at 7.30 by the Rev. W. Thomas, of Waterhead. Also songs, readings and recitations were given by Bro. Lees, Sister Taylor, Bro. Mellor, and others; and an able address by Bro. John Davenport on the Good Templar Order. Good attendance. Lodge progressing.

OLDHAM.—"Henshaw." June 8. Visit to Oldham Enterprise Lodge. Bro. Milhench, W.C.T., presided. Several melodies were sung by the choir, also readings and recitations by Bro. Lees; song. Bro. Brotherton; recitation, Bro. Howarth; solo on the concertina by Bro. Milhench; song, Bro. Hilton, Henshaw Lodge.—June 10. Found night.

WINCHESTER.—"City of Winchester." June 9. Bro. Deane, W.C.T. Two candidates proposed. Bro. Sergt. Checkley reported a visit to Geneva Cross Lodge, Southampton. Programme of evening. Bro. Spearing's musical night, open to visitors. Bro. Emms, Bro. Hall, Sister Light, Bro. Spearing, Bro. Taylor, Bro. Sergt. Checkley, also Sister Hibberd and others took part in the programme.

LINCOLN.—"Ark of Safety." June 10. Bro. Drury, W.C.T. Programme, mock election, conducted on non-party principles. Candidates: Bro. Cherry, P.W.C.T. and D.T., "N."; Bro. Stevens (Lindum L.D.L. Rep.); and Bro. Williamson, 1.; Bro. Armstrong, V.D., C. Results: Bro. Williamson, 1.; Bro. Williamson, 4; Armstrong, Bro. Cherry, 24, Stevens, 26; Williamson, 4; Armstrong, 3. Members and visitors shewed up well; enjoyable evening. Doing well this quarter; numbers increasing steadily and sure.

CRADLEY HEATH.—"Strive for the Right." June 13. Bro. Joseph Malins, G.W.C.T., gave a very instructive and interesting lecture, entitled, "My Temperance Experience in Many Lands," illustrated by maps of the world. About 400 members and friends and public gave him a very enthusiastic reception. Thirty or 40 names were given in to join the Order. A very efficient choir delighted us with appropriate music, conducted by Bro. Bridgwater. Bro. W. H. Thompson, L.R.C.P., presided.

NORBITON.—"Hope of Norbiton." June 9. Visit of Sure Refuge Lodge, New Malden, 20 of whose members turned up, and officered and entertained with songs, recitations, &c.; refreshments provided; two initiated; Crystal Palace Fête Club start ed.

WEDNESBURY.—"Pioneer." May. 5 Election of officers.—May 12. Entertainment by new officers.—May 13. Paid a visit through the pouring rain to Severo-street Lodge, Birmingham, when a pleasant evening was spent.—May 19. Caldmore Advance Guards Lodge, Walsall, came in good numbers, and rendered a good programme.—May 26. Rainbow Lodge, Bilston, officered and entertained.—May 28. A special session was held on purpose to receive our G.W.C.T., who gave a very interesting lecture on "Travel in Many Lands," when 54 signed the pledge. During the week the members of the Lodge canvassed those who signed to join the Order.

DEVONPORT.—"James Teare." June 7. Report of D.L. presented by Bro. Taylor and adopted. Two initiated. Address, Bro. Chappell, D. Sect. of South Hants; recitation, Sister Chappell. A very pleasant evening.

DEVONPORT.—"Star of Morics Town" June 9. Bro. Parkes presided over a very pleasant meeting. A good muster of members. Lodge doing well.

DEVONPORT.—"Workman's Rest." June 12. Visit of Bro. W. Burt, V.D., who presided, also a visit of the D.C.T., Bro. Hamley, who presented the greetings of Mounts Bay Lodge, Penzance, which were very heartily accepted Bro. Davis, of the Star of Temby Lodge, Wales, gave an address and a recitation. Bro. Corporal Glaysher, King's Royal Rifles, being present for the last time, he bade farewell to the members. Bros. Glaysher and Davis were requested to convey the fraternal greetings of our Lodge to many Lodges they might visit. Bro. Burt V.D., gave a short address; one initisted; songs, Bros. Burt, Taylor, and Sister Christie; solo on pianette, Bro. Prouse, who is 83 years of age, and an active old gentleman. Altogether a very pleasant meeting.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Star of St. Matthew's." May 27. Election of officers: W.C.T., Bro. W. H. Kimpton; W.V.T., Sister Alice Robinson. Secretary reported 22 on books; one initiated; Bro. W. H. Kimpton, L.D., read G.W.C.T.'s circular and G.L. Summary, which was afterwards considered.—June 3. Impromptu addresses by Bro. G. Harrison, R. Watts, Ebden, and Kimpton, Sisters L. Robinson and Legge. Two proposed.—June 10. Visit of Railway Express Lodge. Bro. J. Rowley, L.D., presided. Recitations, songs, &c., by members, who came up very strong. Bro. H. Wilson, D.C.T., admitted as an Associate member.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Out of Danger." June 1. Visit of Deus Vult Lodge. Bro. W. C. J. Howell, W.C.T., presided. Songs by Bros. W. Marlow, G. Lever, L.D., and Lofts, and Sister L. Cornwell; addresses by Bro. G. Lavender, J. Twinn, G. Lever, and T. A. Mathers, L.D. —June 8. Pound night; one initiated. Capital meeting; good results.

CAMBRIDGE.—"Abbey." June 8. Visit of Railway Express Lodge, Bro. W. Gibbs in the chair. Essay by Bro. Stevens, E. Supt.; songs, &c., by members. Good meeting.

NAVAL.

LANDPORT.—On June 5, Bro. W. G. Peters, H.D., instituted the Happy Home Lodge, which will be located on board H.M.S. Colossus. Bro. Ives was recommended as L.D., and Bro. Robinson as L.E.S. Short addresses were given by Bros. Baldrey, D.E.S., Ives, and others. The Lodge was opened with 21 members on the roll.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White, and Blue." June 12. Visit of Naval Excelsior Lodge, Sheerness, who drove over in a large brake. On arriving at the Lodge-room the visitors found a substantial tea awaiting them, which all enjoyed, especially after their long ride of 22 miles. After tea the Lodge was opened, and they were officially received, and proceeded to officer and entertain the Lodge. Two initiated. Songs by Sisters Topson, Colenut, and Monk; recitations by Sister E. Thomson, Bros. Slade and Patterson. About 120 present.

MILITARY.

GIBRALTAR.—"Guiding Star." June 9. Two initiated and four proposed. Third Degree conferred upon six brothers and the Second Degree upon five brothers. The WATCHWORD is much appreciated and an increased supply ordered.

RICHMOND (YORKS).—"Howard's Green." May 20. Grumbling night; all grumbling done for quarter.—May 26. Annual picnic to Aysgarth; fine day; sports were held at Aysgarth. Events:—120 yards handicap flat race, 100 yards ladies' race, quarter-mile race, three-legged race, egg-of-war (married v. single—won easily by married team), long jump, running jump, chasing the egg; all were well contested.—May 27. Lodge drill.—June 1. We visited Richmond Hill Lodge, and officered and provided a good programme.—June 3. Auction night, 9s. 3d. realised for Lodge funds.—June 8th. Lodge gave an entertainment in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Catterick, in aid of the chapel fund. Bro. G. Beech, L.D., presided, and the Temperance play entitled, "Where there's a Will there's a Way," was well rendered by Sisters Waites and Norris, Bros. Huscroft, Ascough and Randall; songs by Bro. Ebden, and recitation by Bro. Randall. "Happy Thomas, or Drifted Asunder," which appeared in last Christmas number of WATCHWORD, was rendered very well by Sister Waites, and Bros. Morgan and Randall, Master J. Morris and Master S. Hughes; several names were given in for forming a Lodge in Tunstall. WATCHWORDS taken weekly.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." June 8. Capital session; Bro. John Checkley, W.C.T., in the chair, presided over. The sisters of the Lodge handed round the produce of several large packets of cakes, sweetmeats, &c. Three initiated. A very sociable and enjoyable evening was spent.

JUVENILE TEMPLE NEWS.

HACKNEY.—"Pride of Homerton." May 27. A musical and elocutionary entertainment was given in the Temple Lodge room on behalf of the funds of the cricket club. Songs by Sisters Francie, Mills, Lumley, Collett, and Bros. Dabbs and Francis. Recitations by Bros. Orchard, Russell, and Sisters Butler and Connor. Duet, Bros. Gibson and Dabbs; concluding with domestic sketch, "The Harvest Storm," by the following members of Victoria Park Lodge: Sister Tillett, and Bros. Fisk, Dabbs, Wells, Butler, Lawson, Tillett, Shepherd, and T. B. Tugwell. Pianists, Sisters Connor and Brigenshaw; chairman, Bro. E. A. Gibson, P.D.C.T. Room crowded.

LAMBETH.—"Perseverance." June 8. A penny entertainment was given by members and friends, the proceeds of which are to be given to the excursion fund, so that the children can have a good day in the country. The entertainment passed off well, about 150 being present.

RATCLIFF. — "Hope of Ratcliff." June 9. Three initiated. A spelling bee, carried out with great earnestness; about 30 competitors. First prize, Bro. W. Brooks' second, Bro. W. Troughton; third, Sister A. Morris. A useful session.

WINCHESTER.—"Hope of the Future." June 8. Recitation competition for three prizes. There was a good muster of girls and boys. The first prize, a book,

"Voyages of Great Men," Sister Edith Shawyer; second, a book, "Linda's Life Story," Bro. Bertie Chesher. The third prize could not be awarded on account of there being a tie between three children, who will render each a separate piece, to be decided next meeting. Three initiated and others proposed.

FULHAM.—"Victoria." June 7. A very successful service of song by the Lockhart's Own Entertainers, entitled "For Harry's Sake," the profits to be devoted to the Juvenile Banner Fund. Bro. Blaxter, S.J.T., presid-d. A short Temperance address was given by Bro. Prideaux.

CRADLEY HEATH.—"Strive for the Right." May 31. Sister H. E. Young, D.S.J.T., instituted a Juvenile Temple on May 27 at 6 o'clock. Twenty-three Juveniles joined the Temple, of which Sister E. West was chosen S.J.T. Sister Young's remarks were appreciated by all present.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

MIDDLESEX.—Fox and Knot Mission Hall, West Smithfield, June 5. Bro. D. Gover, D.S.J.T., presiding. Good attendance. Visitors included Bro. Lieut. E. Wawrinsky, G.W.Co., Sweden; Bro. Brand, P.G.A.S., New Zealand, and Bro. Tyson, W.D.Ch., Bedfordsbire, who were received with honours, Bro. Brand being asked to preside. Bro. J. B. Scott, D.C. Sec., reported on excursion to Orphanage on the occasion of the annual meeting of that institution, and said 30 members and friends of District Council availed themselves of the reduced fares, according to the L.S.W.R. Company for the occasion. Bro. Tyson presented his report as V.S. Bro. Gover, D.S.J.T., submitted a long and important report, detailing the state of the Juvenile Order in the district, and the state of the Temples. Returns received from 18 Temples for the May quarter showed an increase of 58 members. He expressed great pleasure in noting the capital talent shewn in Juvenile Temple entertainments. He was pleased at the excellent discussion at the last D.L. on the juvenile work; it was of a favourable and cheering character, and indicated a desire to bring that work more to the front than hitherto. He trusted this feeling would continue, and that in connection with the next D.L. session in London, a great juvenile demonstration might be held at Exeter Hall, say, on the Good Friday evening. But he would not be satisfied even with this; and he asked the Council to join him in consulting with other metropolitan juvenile councils as to a large representative contingent of juveniles from each district being received, like other "kindred bodies" (and none so kindred as their own!) during a recess of the Grand Lodge itself. He next mentioned a project for the cultivation of tobacco in England, and quoted a paragraph from the *Peasant Farmer*, which wished Lord Harris every success in his endeavour to increase the resources of the agricultural community by the culture of tobacco. He (Bro. Govers) regretted to see the proposal to appropriate still more of the soil of this country to that which was neither meat, food, nor clothing, but which was productive of physical, moral and social evil, and destructive of health and purity. He noticed that this innovation was strongly supported by prominent persons in the State. As the District Council, in accord with the fourfold pledge, discountenanced the use of tobacco, he thought it was quite within their province to take some action by way of protest; and he suggested a small committee should be appointed accordingly, to inquire into the matter and report at the next council meeting. He next mentioned his gratification that two members of the District Council (Bro. and Sister Browne) had received fitting recognition of their services from the G.L. of Cape Colony, in the shape of handsome presents; and he felt sure the Council would congratulate them on the appreciation thus shewn. Finally, he rejoiced to discern the signs of a revival in the work. Bro. T. C. Macrow seconded the adoption of Bro. Gover's report, and, referring to the tobacco question, remarked that the practice of juvenile smoking was bad enough already, and by far too prevalent, and it would become far worse if greater facilities were to be accorded by the home growth of the weed.—Bro. Insull urged zeal in the work amongst the young, and cited a sad instance in which the influence of bad men and women was put forth for the ruin of young children.—Bro. Wawrinsky also spoke, urging the brethren and sisters to watch after their young Templars when they were out of the Temples, and to protect them by an earnest loving care from the evils spoken of.—The report, as were the other official reports, was unanimously carried, and the special committee was thus constituted:—Bros. Browne, Macrow, Blaxter, Insull, Carman, and Scott.—Bro. Brand followed, with an interesting address on the state and prospects of the Order in New Zealand; and, other business having been disposed of, the visiting brothers were asked to convey, on on their return home, the fraternal regards of the Council to the brethren and sisters in their respective countries.

SOUTH DURHAM.—May 22. Primitive Methodist Chapel, Middlestone Moor. The 49th quarterly session was presided over by the D.S.J.T., Bro. Tom W. Smyth, who reported the District in a thoroughly healthy and flourishing condition, having 37 Temples and 3,266 juvenile members, a considerable increase on the previous quarter, and the largest number of any district in England. The largest Temple is the Pretrack Pioneer, Stockton, with 450 members. The report of the treasurer, Bro. H. Weatherall, shewed a good balance in hand. Interesting and encouraging written reports were given by the Temple and Visiting Superintendents. A deputation from the Star of Barnabas Temple was introduced and was addressed by the D.S.J.T. A motion to suspend the meetings of the District Council and have the work performed by a Committee of District Lodge was lost by an overwhelming majority. It was resolved that the Executive meet at least once during each quarter. A petition in favour of Mr. Conybeare's bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to children was adopted. Next session to be held at Cornforth in August. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Middlestone Moor members for the excellent arrangements for the session.

WEST KENT.—Deptford, June 2. A conference of Juvenile workers, with two Reps. from each Lodge, was held. Bro. Baker, D.S.J.T., was unavoidably absent, and Bro. Hancock, P.D.S.J.T., presided. Bro. R. Smiles read a paper on "How best to promote the Juvenile work in our Order in West Kent." The paper was very good, and listened to with great attention. Several members spoke to various points, and all were unanimous that the paper should be printed and circulated as widely as possible throughout our Order. As the time for discussion was so limited, and the Reps. who wished to speak so many, it was resolved to adjourn the discussion of the paper till next session. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Smiles for his paper. It was also resolved that the time had now arrived when every Lodge in our Order should have a Juvenile Temple belonging to it. It further resolved to ask Mr. Evelyn, M.P., to vote for Mr. Conybeare's Bill. Good results are looked for from this very interesting session.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

BIRMINGHAM.—June 8. The officers and members of the District Convention visited Balsall Heath Lodge. Bro. J. W. Roberts, W.C.T., presided. Sister Mrs. White, V.D., read an interesting paper, subject, "My Opinion." A very interesting and lively discussion followed, in which Bros. H. Lovett, V.D., J. H. Pearce, V.D., John Powell, V.D., F. C. Salt, L.D., G. Dukes, P.S., and H. Hopkins, E.S., gave their opinions upon the action of Grand Lodge in prohibiting character dress and kissing games.

MIDDLESEX.—No. 10, Sub-District Aggregate Meeting, held June 2, in the Hope of Kilburn Lodge-room, Bro. Lucas, V.D., presiding. Present, Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.Co., Bro. J. W. Jones, D.E.S., Sister Weeks, P.D.V.T., Bro. H. J. Easton, W.D.A.S. Bro. Guthrie, V.D., and Bro. D. Evans, Sec. Reports of L.D. given by the following deputies:—Alliance of Hope, Bro. H. Strick; Harlesden, Bro. Guthrie; Paddington, Bro. R. Bird; Hope of West End, Bro. Foster; West London Pioneer, Bro. H. King; President Garfield, Bro. Easton; Queen's Own, Bro. Wade; John Clifford, Bro. White; Jabez Burns Juvenile Temple, Sister Weeks. These were all written reports and exceedingly encouraging. Fourteen out of 15 Lodges forming No. 10 Sub-District were represented.

BRADFORD.—An united meeting of representatives from the Bradford and Shipley Lodges was held in the Tyrell-street Coffee Tavern, on June 3, when it was resolved to restate the Bradford District Convention. Bro. F. Bolton, P.D.S.J.T., Laurel Mount Lodge, Shipley, was elected president, and Bro. F. Collins, Manningham Volunteers Lodge, Bradford, was elected secretary.

CAMDEN TOWN.—An United Degree meeting of St. Pancras and King's Cross Temples was held at the Camden Hall, King-street, last week. Temple opened at 8.45 by Bro. Winton, D.C.T., when the Third Degree was conferred on three sisters and six brothers, resolved we work in Second Degree, when nine sisters and eight brothers applied for Second Degree, which was very impressively conferred. The recommendation of new Temple Deputy was brought forward, it was decided to postpone it until next D.L. at the Vernon Lodge. Bro. Winton gave a short address urging young members to persevere in the good work. He having vacated the chair, Bro. W. M. Nickols, the new V.D. occupied the same. A vote of thanks to the Angel of Mercy Lodge for use of furniture brought a good meeting to a close. Present:—D.V.T. and D.D.M., also Bro. Shipman, P.V.D.

PAIGNTON.—At the Pride of Devon Lodge, on June 3, a united Lodge session was held, Bro. Bradden, P.D.C.T., presided. The following Lodges were represented, viz., Excelsior, Pavilion, Torbay, Queen of West; number present over 60 members, besides a lot of Juvenile members; there were recitations, solos, recitations, and solo on the violin from the Torbay Lodge. The following resolution was moved by Bro. Sattisford, L.F.S., seconded and supported, "That a vote of thanks of these united Lodges be sent to C. A. V. Conybeare, Esq., M.P., for the action that he has taken in introducing in the honourable House of Commons a bill to prevent the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children, and we as Good Templars will do all our utmost to get Mr. McIver, Esq., M.P., to support the bill in the third reading, and we trust it may become law. A song by a Juvenile Templar closed the evening, which had been pleasantly spent and enjoyed by all.

NOTICE TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to notice the following instructions in forwarding items of news:—

No notice will be taken of communications unless accompanied by the name of the sender.

As our space is limited we can only insert *a few lines* in reference to any meeting, and are compelled therefore to exclude unnecessary details, and matters of merely *local interest*; names should be used sparingly, and plainly written.

Address, Editor, GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD, 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

J.R.D.—We always endeavour to omit from reports of Lodge news any record which seems to be founded upon matters of personal difference or dispute, otherwise we should be flooded afterwards with explanations, corrections, and recriminations which would not be edifying.

J.P.C.—Too late.

F.L.—The resolution has already appeared. We cannot insert the printed letter, as all advocacy of Kissing Games is now closed in our columns.

JUST ONE WORD WITH YOU.

LET a stream of pure water run through a manufacturing town. When it leaves the town it is full of chemicals, decayed animal matter, and refuse of all kinds.

If it flows moderately fast for 12 miles, it is said to purify itself.

But where are the impurities? Some have gone off into the air, most of them have settled to the bottom of the stream. If the water is drawn off, the bed of the river will become a stench in human nostrils, breeding pestilence and death!

The human body is run and operated by a stream of blood. When it leaves the heart it is pure, red blood, full of life. After it courses through the arteries, keeping the machinery of life in motion, it gets foulor and fouler. When it has done all its mechanical work, it goes directly into the veins, and by them is taken to certain organs to be purified of its death-dealing poisons. If it is not thus purified, a second coursing through the system would *paralyze and destroy every organ*. If the blood-purifying organs but partially perform this work, to that extent the blood remains impure and does injury to the system.

Now, then, such blood deposits its impurities in the vital organs, and rots and festers and destroys them, and when the heat of spring and summer comes on the person with such corrupt blood is

Tired, without Apparent Cause;
Easily Loses his Grip; is Irritable;
Has Headache and Feeble Appetite;
A Coated Tongue, Flitting Pains,
Chills and Fever, Pneumonia, Bad Breath,
Is Constipated, Bilious, "Blue,"
Has Backache, Legs Ache, Blurred Vision,
Cold Hands and Feet, Dizzy Spells,
Irritable Condition of the Skin,
Heavy, Dark-Coloured Water, Light-Coloured Excrets.

Any of these symptoms indicate that he is full of bad blood—blood filled with acid, which is the chemical form the waste of the system assumes.

If the acid is not neutralised and removed from the blood, he is a candidate for ill health and an early grave. There is no mistake about this. Every reputable, unbiassed physician will confirm what we say.

Now is the difficulty to be overcome? Let us see. The great, and we may say the chief, if not only organs through which the acid is neutralized and removed are the kidneys. They can and should remove every day over 400 grains of acid waste. But in the winter, when only invisible sweat passes through the skin, they are overworked, and the spring of the year finds them weak, tired out, and clogged up. Something must be done to help them.

But physicians of honour all admit that for serious disease of the kidneys they have no certain remedy. Such will also admit that the kidney acid in the blood is the cause of 93 per cent. of the diseases which afflict humanity.

What, then, can be done?

Read the experience of others, and draw your own conclusions. Don't make any mistake about it. Don't be sceptical in the face of such proof. If you do, you forfeit health and life to your prejudice. *We offer* £1,000 *if what the following persons say is not true, so far as we know.*

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GOOD TEMPLARS TO THE FRONT.

BRO. W. WOODALL, G.G.—At the Hull Horse Show and Procession, on June 14, Bro. W. Woodall, G.G., took the eighth prize with his black mare in a class of 44 horses, one of the largest in the show. "A man's teetotalism is not worth much if his cat and dog don't benefit by it."

We beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]

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TEMPERANCE CONGRESS.

JULY, 1886.

President.

The Right Hon. and Right Rev. FREDK. TEMPLE, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

The Executive Committee of the National Temperance League are making arrangements for a National and Colonial Temperance Congress in London, which will be held in the PRINCES' HALL, PICCADILLY, on JULY 14, 15 and 16.

The object of the Congress is to receive information through written papers and oral communications, regarding (1) the extent of drinking habits in the Colonies and dependencies of the British Empire; (2) the regulations in force in those localities for restricting or prohibiting the drink traffic; and (3) the results of efforts put forth by Temperance Organisations, Churches, Sunday-schools, Educational Boards, and other public bodies for the promotion of Total Abstinence from Intoxicating Liquors.

PROGRAMME.

MONDAY, 12 July, 7.30 p.m.—SPECIAL SERVICE in WESTMINSTER ABBEY. Sermon by the LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

TUESDAY, 13 July, 2 p.m.—RECEPTION TO COLONIAL DELEGATES at the CRYSTAL PALACE. Chairman: Dr. B. W. RICHARDSON, F.R.S. *Special Tickets required, 3s. 6d. each.*

WEDNESDAY, 14 July, 10.30 a.m.—First sitting of the Congress. The PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS.

WEDNESDAY, 14 July, 2 p.m.—Second Sitting. Chairman: HUGH M. MATHESON, Esq.

THURSDAY, 15 July, 10.30 a.m.—Third Sitting. Chairman: His Eminence Cardinal-Archbishop MANNING.

THURSDAY, 15 July, 2 p.m.—Fourth Sitting. Chairman. Sir LLEWELYN TURNER, High Sheriff of Carnarvon.

FRIDAY, 16 July, 10.30 a.m.—Fifth Sitting. Chairman: The Ven. Archdeacon FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S.

FRIDAY, 16 July, 2 p.m.—Closing Sitting. Chairman: The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

A fuller programme will be issued early in July.

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A FEW WORDS ON MISSION WORK.

By Bro. JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.C.T.

THE membership decreased last year, but it now appears to be advancing. The D.L. reports generally shew that even last year we had an increase of 68 Lodges, and many more are being formed by Lodges holding mission meetings, and Special Sub-Lodge sessions to initiate candidates at outlying places. Each Lodge Deputy has had sent to him a form of petition for charter, and if a new Lodge can be projected at an unoccupied place, we will, out of the Mission Fund contributions, print handbills or grant tracts to help in thus extending the Order.

The Mission Fund, however, needs further aid. We last year spent much more on mission work than we received for the Mission Fund. This we cannot do again. If, however, every Lodge will only contribute a little, we may at least continue grants of printed matter, for organising Lodges where they are needed, and if the fund is increased we can do much more. There is sent to every Lodge Deputy a quarterly collecting card. We ask each Lodge to at once designate an earnest member to endeavour to secure one penny monthly from each member; and to send it to the Worthy District Secretary with the tax at the end of the quarter. The District Lodges retain half the fund for local mission efforts, and the remainder comes to the Grand Lodge Mission Fund. Failing a member more at liberty, we look to the Lodge Deputy to act as Grand and District Lodge Agent in this respect.

Some Lodges avoid the voluntary contributions of one penny per month by making a bye-law, charging an extra penny per quarter for dues, and giving that penny to the Mission Fund. This has worked well, and may be preferred by some Lodges.

When it was arranged to leave with District Lodges one-half of all Mission Fund receipts from Lodge collections, we had hoped that the plan would have the practical support of all District Lodges, but as yet the results have been very meagre. Out of these scanty receipts we have promoted the formation of Lodges in hitherto unoccupied places, and so helped to gain 68 more Lodges in England than we had last year. We have also maintained our Mission Agent—Bro. Wrathall—in the North, where much of the money was subscribed, and are glad that the main subscribers are willing for us to utilise that agent in other Districts also. We need several more such agents, who, like him, will go—whether helped or not—into country villages and speak, sing, or preach in-doors and in the open air, visit absent members, and revive sleeping Lodges. While we want no District to subscribe just for what it may get in return, it is none the less a fact that in most, if not all cases, we could—in agents' services or money grants—help most Districts to the full extent of Lodge collections—because, through the G.L. a few stronger Districts can help the weaker, and certain personal contributions to G.L. adds to the funds received from Lodges. For a District to isolate itself by saying it will raise and retain all its own mission fund is, at most, to incite only a spasmodic effort, and in the end this narrow spirit spreads to Sub-Lodges and members, who then similarly say they will keep and spend their own money.

The Grand Lodge Executive, of course, will not spend a penny of mission money for anything but mission work; and they could leave

it wholly in the hands of the Districts, but for the fact that a greater effort is often made for a *national* than for a *local* scheme, and that by this national plan they can help some Districts which are wholly unable to help themselves.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

WE are now called upon as citizens of the British Empire to take part in the election of a new Commons House of Parliament. The great issue upon which rival parties will contest the constituencies is the question of Irish Self-Government, and it will not be easy to raise any other question, however vital and urgent, to such prominence as seriously to affect the public mind. But we must not forget that while the new Parliament will be elected with special reference to Irish legislation, it is quite possible that after the settlement of the question of the hour the ranks of the dominant party may be reunited and form a strong Government for passing domestic measures for the better government of England, Scotland, and Wales. We should, therefore, be recreant to duty, were we to relax our efforts to return members pledged to give Home Rule for England in relation to the removal of the greatest of all the evils that has ever afflicted any people. If the Irish question should, as it doubtless will in many instances, govern our votes, we, as earnest and true Temperance reformers, cannot fail to insist upon this condition at least in addition to any other that may influence our action—That the candidate we vote for will support a measure giving the full and direct veto power to the inhabitants of every locality that may choose to exercise it. Candidates who refuse to concede this power forfeit their claims upon the confidence of Conservative electors, because they deny their coveted constituents the power to protect life and property, and to give fair scope to legitimate commerce in their midst. And no true Liberal can refuse this power, because he thus fails to trust the people in their several localities with the exercise of a choice; but, on the contrary, he maintains a system by which some authority may be enabled to force upon the people terrible disasters as the result of a traffic which he refuses them the power to prohibit.

The present contest affords a favourable opportunity for all true patriots to mould the future destinies of the people of this country for all time to come. "Drink," said the late lamented Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, "is the only enemy England has to fear." Parliament is powerless of itself to control it. The people, and the people only, by their direct votes and individual action in their own localities can repulse and vanquish this enemy; and the despot who denies them this rightful power is unworthy of the confidence of intelligent, liberty-loving, and patriotic Englishmen.

DISTRICT ELECTORAL DEPUTIES should lose no time in counselling prompt and wise action on the part of Constituency and Lodge Electoral Superintendents. Meetings of the members of the Order should be called wherever possible. Copies of the Good Templar manifesto, embodying the resolution adopted at the last Grand Lodge Session, may be obtained from the Grand Lodge Office for enclosing in letters to Members of Parliament and candidates; and other suitable literature may also be obtained from the same source. Some additional leaflets will doubtless also be issued. The G.E.S. will be ready to give counsel in special cases where needed, and communications should be addressed to him at 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

BRO. JOHN KEMPSTER has received communications from several constituencies seeking candidates, and it is possible that his candidature may shortly be announced.

THE DUTY OF THE TEMPERANCE PARTY IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.

Bro. Guy Hayler, D.E.S., East Riding of Yorkshire, has issued an address to the members, in which he says:—

"An appeal to the country upon the great Irish Question is upon us, and within a few weeks the voice of the people will have been delivered. It may be that in some constituencies the question of Temperance, for which we have fought so long, will during the contest be overlooked or abandoned; let this, however, not be the case in this district. Our watchword in the past has been 'Vote for vote,' and 'Nothing for Nothing'; to-day it is still the same. Under the grand old banner of "Total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State" we still march forward, determined to have the power placed in the hands of the people to 'veto' the liquor traffic, and thus remove from the country an evil which William Ewart Gladstone, the Prime Minister, declares equal in extent to the three great historic scourges, viz., war, pestilence, and famine.

We have in the past looked forward, hoping and believing that both political parties would acknowledge the evils arising from the liquor traffic, and would have adopted even Prohibition as part of their platform; but unfortunately this has not been the case. The Conservative party by making common cause with brewers and publicans and opposing not only "Local Option," but the almost universal demand of the people for Sunday Closing, can neither expect nor claim any Temperance vote in the forthcoming contest. For even in this Parliament we find that by the votes of the Conservative peers, led by Lord Salisbury, the Durham Sunday Closing Bill was rejected in the House of Lords on the 23rd of May, and that, by the combined votes of the Conservatives and brewers in the House of Commons. On the 4th of June, the English Sunday Closing Bill (No. 2), after having been amended in Committee was delayed so as if possible to prevent its adoption during the present Parliament.

With the Liberal Party it is different. Local Option and Sunday Closing have now to all intents and purposes been made planks in their political programme, having not only received the support of the Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone, in the Commons, and Lord Granville in the Lords, but that of the Liberal Federation, the Reform Union, and the Liberal Councils throughout the country. A large majority of the Liberal party have also supported the bill preventing publicans from supplying children under 14 years of age with drink; the abolition of the payment of wages in public-houses; the closing of public-houses on election days, and making their use illegal for committee-rooms, &c., &c., and many other measures, having for their object the lessening of the evils resulting from the liquor traffic. This warrants us in believing that the Liberal party will settle the great question in future upon the lines indicated in the resolution of our noble leader, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and repeatedly affirmed by increasing majorities in the House of Commons.

Our duty is, therefore, plain, and must not be forgotten for a moment, even in the present crisis. Our existence must be known and felt by both political parties. We must let it be understood that whatever else politicians do they must give up all hope of our vote unless for candidates that can give satisfactory assurances in view of Temperance legislation.

HIGHLAND TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.—A meeting of the Highland Temperance League was held at the residence of Lady Ashburton, Kent House, Knightsbridge (Colonel M'Donald M'Donald in the chair), to hear an account of the Temperance movement in the Highlands from Mr. Robertson, agent of the League. The work was shewn to be progressing most satisfactorily, especially amongst the crofters, who, Mr. Robertson said, "husbanded the little they had got, all they wanted being free course that they might get the fruits of their industry. The gratifying statement was also made that three-fourths of the Highland ministers were now total abstainers.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNERS, Social Teas, Conferences, Evening Meetings of Companies or Societies on reasonable terms, at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, London, E.C., opposite Ludgate Hill Station. Strictly Temperance principles.

POLITICAL ACTION.

HACKNEY (CENTRAL).—On Tuesday night a numerous deputation of Temperance electors of Central Hackney had a conference with Major Sharp Hume, the Liberal candidate, at the Lower Clapton Congregational School-room. —The Rev. T. C. Udall, president of the Central Hackney Local Option and Alliance Union, was in the chair, and several of the leaders of the Good Templar Order were also present. A long discussion took place in which Bro. W. Dobson, (Dalston) P.D.C.T., was the leading spokesman, as to the requirements of the Temperance party in the matter of future legislation, and how far the candidate would come up to their wishes. —Major Hume said he was strongly in favour of carrying out the full programme as propounded by the United Kingdom Alliance, and if elected he would do all he could to give legislative effect to the Local Option resolutions introduced by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and thrice affirmed by the House of Commons.—On the motion of Bro. E. A. Gibson, seconded by Bro. Page, a resolution was unanimously adopted approving of Major Hume's candidature, and promising to use the best endeavours to promote his election.

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

AT THE RECENT ELECTION for three vacancies on Cramlington Local Board, out of eight candidates for the three seats, Bro. Hobkirk, W.D.S., headed the poll by a large majority. He has also been returned as a member of the Tynemouth Union Board of Guardians.

AMERICAN FREEMASONRY AND PUBLICANS.—The Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio, U.S.A., has adopted a resolution declaring it to be the opinion of that body that the selling of intoxicating drinks should disqualify anyone from initiation into, or affiliation with, any Masonic body.

THE JUVENILE TEMPLE connected with the Old Fortieth Military Lodge at Portsmouth has increased from 34 to 196 members during the quarter. This Temple was before located at Aden, on the Red Sea, with the Regiment, and while there issued a model programme.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD.—I see that some friends have been setting a given value upon the Challenge Shield. We do not know its value, but the original donor would not like other would-be donors to be deterred by too high an estimate. The Shield is an exact reproduction of an ancient original of great value, and is remarkably appropriate in design, while the case in which it is mounted cost a good many pounds. If any others desire to give another piece of plate, no doubt the G. L. Executive would have it well mounted.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Question: If a member, who is not changing his residence, applies for his clearance card, can the Lodge refuse by vote to grant it.

Answer: As a rule the Lodge is bound to grant the card, unless a charge is pending or the member is indebted to the Lodge. To persistently refuse is to try to turn a fraternal home into a prison. Such refusal can be appealed against. Yet if the card is applied for under an apparent misunderstanding, the Lodge may request the applicant to postpone the application for a week or so.

Question: Is a member, after serving a term as W.C.T., always afterwards entitled to designate himself as a "Past Worthy Chief Templar"? or does he only own that title while in the P.W.C.T.'s chair.

Answer: He retains the title as long as he lives, unless he forfeits it by misconduct, or by failing to remain in the Order.

Question: Which Lodge in England has the largest number of members?

Answer: Probably the "Gleam of Sunshine" Lodge, Birkenhead, which last quarter paid tax on 300 members. The "Kingston-upon-Hull" Lodge apparently came next by paying tax on 283 members.

Note.—Questions of law can only be answered if sent through the District Deputy, and such questions must not involve pending cases of discipline which must be dealt with by trial, appeal, &c., in harmony with the Constitution.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The Whit-Monday holiday has passed off quietly. Thousands of toil-worn artisans were glad to escape for a time from their work, and repair for a few hours to the suburbs and parks of this great Metropolis; whilst others, taking advantage of cheap trips, left the smoke-begrimed cities behind and enjoyed a short spell at the seaside. The workingmen's holidays are being appreciated more year by year, and instead of being occasions for drunken bouts and the like, as in some former years, are now spent in recreation of a purer and better kind. This improvement in the habits of the people is traceable above everything else to the spread of Temperance, and as the blessings, both personal and national, of sobriety become more apparent, so our Bank Holidays will be of increased advantage and benefit to the working classes of our land.

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A few years ago it was not at all an unusual occurrence to find from 50 to 100 charges to be dealt with at most of the metropolitan police-courts. Last Tuesday morning the total number of cases down for hearing at the 12 courts reached 256, or an average of 21½ for each district. Southwark headed the list with 36; Thames had 33; Worship-street, 32; the shortest lists were Highgate three, and Hampstead only two. When it is remembered there were over 60,000 upon the Heath, this last number is indeed remarkable, and says much for the good order maintained by so large a crowd.

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The above figures show that, despite the large influx of visitors from the country, and the immense crowds flocking to every available open space in and around the great Metropolis, only one in about 20,000 inhabitants was charged with violating the law. If you take away the charges for drunkenness the percentage would not have been more than one in 100,000.

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The holiday amusements in Dublin were attended with an unusually large number of accidents and brawls, mostly brought about by intoxication. Over 50 cases were treated in Mercer's Hospital, and 35 in Jervis-street. What a pity it is men will not realise how senseless it is to take that which makes them forget their manliness and act like infuriated beasts. If the power of local self-government would shut up the whisky shops of "Onld Ireland" and help to make the nation sober, one can only hope that such a measure may speedily be passed.

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There still exist those who advocate the use of grog in the Naval and Merchant Services, and who will tell you it would be impossible for sailors to perform their duties if they did not receive their allowance of rum and water. The other night I was in the company of an old sailor, who has been three times round the world, and taken part in over a score battles. Besides this, some 25 years ago he received a Royal Humane Society's medal for saving a fellow-shipmate's life. Since he left the service he has been a seaman's missionary in various parts of the kingdom. His experience of seafaring life is about as extensive as it is possible for one man to obtain, and an opinion on the grog question from such an one is a thousand times more valuable than any disquisition of the most learned theoretical teacher of the day.

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He read to me a few selections from some short papers he had written when in active service, one of which was a description of what sailors have to do when there is a storm at sea. At the conclusion of the account the following passage occurred:—

"Here I pause a moment to say a word on the serving of the grog, a composition of rum and water. The use of this stuff is of old date in the navy, and would seem to be considered essential to navigation. In what are called Temperance ships no grog is served, neither after reefing of topsails nor at any other time; but what is very shameful in many instances, no substitute is allowed. If sailors might have coffee instead of rum they would thankfully accept the substitute, for coffee is incomparably a better stimulant. The invigoration from the rum is only momentary, but the wholesome effect of the coffee is felt for an hour. When, however, the latter is not forthcoming, the sailors very excusably observe, 'Better grog than nothiog.'"

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The above experience is one that may be extended to every occupation. Some there are who think they would not be able to work without beer. But if they could be persuaded to try coffee they would find that instead of becoming sleepy and needing constant stimulation, the head would be much clearer, and the mental and perceptive faculties considerably brighter. One of the best and most invigorating drinks for the summer is coffee made in the morning (the sugar and milk added at the time), and allowed to cool. A cup of this taken after dinner will be found more refreshing than all the alcoholic liquor in England.

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An interesting discussion took place the other day in the Brighton Town Council. It appears that during the season a series of promenade concerts are given in the Pavilion at this famous watering-place; and, although refreshments are on sale, alcoholic liquors have been rigorously excluded. This wise precaution is appreciated by all visitors, and the concerts are well patronised by the townsmen and visitors, a large number of whom would instantly withdraw their patronage if the "taps" were turned on. Some members (no doubt connected with the "trade") of the Town Council thought that drink should be sold at these gatherings, and a motion to this effect was brought before the Council. This body, however, wisely refused to be parties to a movement to lower and degrade their town, and the motion was rejected by a large majority. It is an open secret that the members of a certain Order have very materially aided in bringing about such a healthy public sentiment in the celebrated Sussex resort.

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An important decision was given at the City Summons Court on Saturday, June 12. The landlady of a public-house was summoned for keeping her house open during prohibited hours, and also for permitting drunkenness upon her premises. The first charge broke down, but it was proved that two men were in the house drunk on a Sunday afternoon. It was urged in defence that the men were friends; but Sir Thomas Owden said this made no difference, for no keeper of a public-house was justified in permitting drunkenness at any time. A fine of 10s. was enforced.

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The movement, inaugurated under the presidency of Mr. Herbert J. Gladstone, to provide physical recreation for the working classes is one that should commend itself to all. There are many amongst us who would gladly indulge in such manly exercises as gymnastics, calisthenics, &c., only our means are so limited we are not able to do so. The object of the National Physical Recreation Society is to place the necessary apparati for obtaining such recreation within the reach of all. The Council is composed of several well-known athletes and cricketers, and I trust they will be able to launch their project successfully.

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On Tuesday night last the inaugural meeting of the Deaf and Dumb Temperance Army, to which I referred some months since as in course of formation, was held at the St. Mark's Parochial Hall, York-street, Walworth-road, London, under the presidency of the Rev. A. G. Ormsby, who was supported, among others, by Mr. E. H. Pickersgill, M.P. There was a good attendance of the deaf and dumb of South London present. The Rev. E. Abraham, the president and founder of this new Temperance organisation, acted as interpreter, and at the outset of the proceedings gave an account of the formation of the army, which already has a large number of honorary supporters amongst members of Parliament and well-known gentlemen in the Temperance world. The society aims at establishing branches of the army all over the country among the deaf and dumb.

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The writer of the leading article in the *Daily News* of Wednesday last is certainly labouring under a delusion. He says:—"The teetotalers feel uneasy so long as it is a matter of uncertainty whether alcohol is or is not a food." Whoever wrote these words would do well to read over the opinions of eminent medical men upon this question, given in Mr. Gustafson's "Foundation of Death." If there is one thing more than another upon which the doctors are agreed, it is that alcohol is absolutely useless as a food. Hence we have no anxiety on this score.

Free Lance.

"Ah," exclaimed a lover as he described his sweetheart to his mother, "you should have seen Emily yesterday! She had on a new *bourbon* hat and a wine-coloured silk that made her perfectly intoxicating."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The 31st annual session of the National Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance is this year held at Sunderland. The National Division was opened on Whit Monday morning, Bro. Wightman, M.P., presiding, and 140 delegates, from most of the towns in the United Kingdom, being present. The report shewed the number of members in the Order in the United Kingdom to be 21,309; the sick and funeral fund amounts to £63,073; the management fund to £3,291 and the benevolent fund to £954. It had been intended to hold an open air demonstration, but, owing to the bad weather, a public meeting was held in the Brougham-street Chapel. General condemnation was expressed of the House of Lords for throwing out the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, and a resolution in favour of voting only for those candidates who would support Local Option was carried. Tea was afterwards provided, and in the evening another public meeting was held, the Mayor (Alderman Preston) presiding, who announced, amidst applause, that he had become one of the Sons of Temperance. The meeting was also addressed by a number of delegates.

THE REVENUE FROM DRINK.

Social reformers maintain that the moral and social evils resulting from the use of alcohol are too great to be atoned for by the revenue which it yields. This was the view of John Wesley in 1784, when he wrote to Mr. Pitt, the Prime Minister, a strong letter of remonstrance, in which he said: "Surely that gold is bought too dear if it is the price of blood." That this is a reasonable view is clear from the fact that cool, calculating statesmen acknowledge its justice. It was in the earlier portion of last century that the duties on alcoholic liquors became an important feature in the national Budget. Sir Robert Walpole had discovered in them a grand source of revenue, and while laying a tax on alcohol he took care to encourage the consumption. Lord Chesterfield denounced this policy with great severity. Speaking of the "Gin Acts" of 1743, in the House of Lords, he said: "Vice, my lords, is not properly to be taxed, but to be suppressed. Luxury may very properly be taxed; but the use of these things which are simply hurtful—hurtful in their own nature and in every degree—is to be prohibited." In 1860, Mr. Gladstone . . . said, with regard to Temperance legislation: "Certainly I shall not think it compatible with my duty to oppose any such plan as the Permissive Bill on fiscal grounds. I should myself urge that fiscal grounds, whether they be important or not, must necessarily be secondary to that question. . . . It ought to be decided on entirely social and moral grounds." —*The Reformer.*

Good Templar Industrial Exhibition.—On Tuesday afternoon last an interesting industrial exhibition and flower show, in aid of the funds of the South London Lodge and Juvenile Temple, was opened at the Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road, S.E. The opening ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. A. W. Jephson, vicar of St. John's, Waterloo-road, who remarked that exhibitions were always pleasant things. The present one was very near and dear to his own heart, because it was held in connection with the great Order to which he had the pleasure of belonging—the Order of Good Templars. What they wanted was to raise funds for the purpose of extending their work as a Lodge and as an Order in that part of South London. The need for Temperance work was overwhelming. Upon the motion of Bro. J. Woollacott, W.D.T., seconded by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Tickell, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Jephson, who was presented with a bouquet by Miss Gracie Robinson, a young lady of three summers. In addition to the exhibits, which were of an interesting nature, there were stalls for the sale of fancy articles and refreshments, over which Sisters Mrs. Woollacott and Misses Robinson, Lane, and Scammell presided. The exhibition was open on Wednesday, when Mr. Walter Wren (Liberal candidate for North Lambeth) presided at the opening, and on Thursday, when General Fraser, V.C., M.P. (North Lambeth), performed the opening ceremony.

Prize Pictorial Readings for Lodges, Temples Bands of Hope, &c., in packets, containing 20 different kinds. Price 6d. each packet, post free from John Kempster and Co., 3, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, London E.C.—[Advt.]

TAKING TEA WITH THE G.W.Co. OF SWEDEN.

On the invitation of the Middlesex District Executive, a very pleasant and interesting gathering was held on the 11th inst., at the London Central Club, Bridewell-place, New Bridge-street, E.C., to greet and welcome Bro. Wavriosky, G.W.Co. of the Grand Lodge of Sweden, who is spending a short holiday in London for the purpose of informing himself of such of our manners and customs as are new to him, and to study the Temperance and philanthropic movements of the country. Having so distinguished a brother amongst them, the "largest District Lodge in the world" did the correct thing in paying this mark of fraternal recognition. The following members of the Order were present at tea:—Bro. Wavrinsky, and Bros. Dr. Dawson Burns; W. Winton, D.C.T.; W. Sutherland, W.D.Co.; J. W. Jones, D.E.S.; Sister Shakespeare, D.V.T.; J. H. Retallack Moloney, W.D.S.; John Hilton, W.D.Tr.; W. Rains, W.D.Ch.; J. Lambert, W.D.M.; H. J. Easton, W.D.A.S.; Sister Harnaack, P.D.V.T.; Sister Weeks, P.D.V.T.; Bro. and Sister Insull; Bro. and Sister Vincent; Bro. Rev. —. Collett; Bro. H. Ansell, and Bro. T. C. Macrow, all of Middlesex; Bros. C. Pinhorn, D.C.T.; W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co.; J. Hodges, W.D.S.; John Mann, P.W.D.T., of E. and M. Surrey.

Bro. WINTON presided, and the tea, which was of an excellent description, was done hearty justice to, as evidenced by the commendable promptitude with which the plates were cleared of their contents. This, however, by-the-way.

Bro. MOLONEY having read letters from Bros. J. Kempster, G.E.S. Superintendent Foster, and others, regretting that their engagements prevented their attendance, brief addresses of welcome were given by Bros. Winton, Pinhorn, and Dr. Burns.

Bro. WAVRINSKY then rose to address the meeting, and was heartily greeted. He thanked them very much for their kindness for thus coming together to do him honour, and assured them that that evening would long linger as a pleasant memory in the days that were to come. Our brother's speech contained some interesting particulars of the rise and progress of the Order in Sweden. The total abstainers, we were told, might be reckoned at 200,000, and this, he thought, was good, when it was considered that the population was only the same as that of London, and scattered over the entire country. As to Good Templary, the Grand Lodge, owing allegiance to the R.W.G.L. of the World, was the strongest and most influential, and numbered 40,000 members in 1,000 Lodges. There are also two other Templar Orders—the "Hickmanites" and the "Scandinavian Templar Order," this latter an excrement of the Hickmanites and the best of them. These two bodies have about 35,000 members between them. It appears, however, that the three organisations agree together well and interchange visits. This multiplicity of Orders having the same name has hitherto rather hindered the work than pushed it on; but since the new year this state of things has been altered, and the efforts of the Templars are being more recognised and appreciated. It seems that a joint committee of the three bodies has been formed with the Hickmanite G.W.C.T. at its head. This committee meets quarterly, and to it are submitted any dissensions or troubles that may have arisen between the Lodges, for mutual consideration and amicable settlement, and this plan is working smoothly and well. The committee has also done good in another direction. It has interviewed the Prime Minister to obtain an expression of the sympathy of the Government for the movement, and after that dignatary had recovered from his surprise to see the "quarrelsome Templars" united, he cordially assured the deputation of his interest and influence, and promised to do something to help them. This promise was subsequently fulfilled, and the committee was granted a sum of 8,000 crowns (about £450) for the dissemination of Temperance literature. A literature committee was formed, and Bro. Wavrinsky was chosen chairman. One of the objects undertaken by this committee is the formation of a National Library of Temperance Works, and Bro. Wavriosky stated that the committee would much appreciate gifts of standard Temperance publications for the library from anyone who might have them to spare. One thing about the Lodges in Sweden is that not only are all sectarian topics and party politics tabooed, but nothing is known of Temperance politics, and our brother promised on his return to do what he could to change this, and had resolved at the next G.L. Session to move for the election of a Grand Electoral Superintendent. His visit, Bro. Wavrinsky remarked, in conclusion, had given him a great deal of knowledge, which he hoped to utilise for the advancement of the Order on his return to Sweden. (Applause.)

Bro. J. MANN in thanking the guest of the evening for his address, urged him to do what he could to establish Bands of Hope or Juvenile Temples in Sweden. Bro. the Rev. Collett also spoke, and the proceedings closed.

CHARACTER DRESS.

BRO. JOSEPH KESTERTON, W.D.G., Warwickshire, writes:—I desire to express my extreme regret at the action of Grand Lodge in relation to character dress. According to reports the G.L.Reps. appeared to think that the Lodges would develop into amateur theatrical and minstrel entertainers, and that the most vulgar dress would be worn. Even you, sir, in a leading article, class the sketches which would be performed in costume with the lowest of London theatres. Now, I do not appreciate the theatre, but believe it a power of evil rather than good. Neither do I believe the membership desire to produce low theatrical pieces; but what the membership does want is permission to play a Temperance dialogue as it ought to be played—to shew the drunkard in his real form. What can be said of the dissolute drunken wretch who appears the picture of a respectable gentleman? What effect can it have upon the audience? I have recently composed several Temperance dialogues, but they cannot be given in connection with Good Templary because without character dress their effect is destroyed. I have often heard the G.W.C.T. say that our Order is democratic, that is, governed by its members. Let the membership remember this at the next election of G.L.Reps. My advice to those who see the error of G.L. is to vote for no District Rep. who will not promise to vote for G.L.Reps. in harmony with character dress, and to the D.Reps. to support none but those in favour of the abolition of the present bye-law, so that the next G.L. may represent the membership. This is the great question of the day in Good Templary; nothing else is of so much importance, and, while it exists, nothing can do more injury to our Order. Let those who love the Order fight with all legitimate means in their power to blot this foolish law out of existence.

BRO. EDWARD HODSON, E.S., Birmingham, writes:—I, as a Good Templar of 10 years, know there are good things to be learnt in our Lodges, I also know there is talent in our members, and it must be used. The question is, shall we keep the members and their talent, or lose them both? I have seen many Temperance pieces played with good results, not only in my own District, but almost in half the Districts of England. I altogether fail to see where the harm comes in. I think a line should be drawn somewhere, and I should say that the support of the Order, the Order's real body and soul, should draw that line. I mean the Sub-Lodges, or, I should say, the members thersof. Would the G.L. be in its present position, were it not for the Sub-Lodge members? The question lies in a very small space, I think. It is this: Pay, and do as we tell you, or we will take your Charter; now the G.L. has said, You shall not do this or that. I ask, are we children, to be spoken to in such a manner? Shall we be bound by bonds that gall our limbs? Shall we sit passive in our Lodge and say nothing? I say, No. By all that is good, No! Sub-Lodge members should answer G.L. and say, We will do this, and we will do that, and you won't stop us. We are the chief and the support of the Order, and as such we have a voice, and one that shall be heard. Wishing our noble Order every success in its world-wide mission of love and Temperance.

BRO. E. GRANT TUPPER, D.G.W.C.T., Portsmouth, writes:—Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for having permitted a further correspondence on this most important subject, I beg to throw out a suggestion to those who intend to have the matter again brought before the Grand Lodge, viz., to recommend that the existing bye-law be substituted by one to the effect that only such sketches as have been submitted to and approved by the Good of the Order Committee shall be enacted in character dress. Since the G.L. session, I have refrained from expressing my views on the subject because it had become almost inextricably associated in our official organ with one of a very different calibre, which is unworthy of the support of any right-thinking man or woman. But I must not digress upon this forbidden topic; nor have I any inclination so to do. That permission to perform suitable selections in character dress would prove beneficial to our Order is apparent at all our entertainments. And we must entertain our new members (who, for a time, take but little interest in ordinary Lodge business), if we wish to retain them. The motion was somewhat bitterly opposed at the recent G.L. session by a number of clerical brothers, who are, to say the least, a power for good in our noble Order; but their objections would appear to have been principally based upon the moral tone that would be likely to predominate in the sketches performed; and this, I think, might safely be left to the discretion of the Good of the Order Committee of Subordinate Lodge.

BRO. FRED. W. VIDLER, W.M., Harlesden, London, writes:—I think it a very great mistake of the Grand Lodge to prohibit dialogues in character dress at our Lodges. In the Christmas number of the WATCHWORD is printed a play where a lieutenant takes a principal part, and would it not be absurd to act the piece with the soldier dressed in civilian clothes? If so, why print in the GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD dialogues we cannot (or dare not) act in a correct dress? Temperance dialogues in character dress would, in the first place, set non-working members to work, and would bring other members to the sessions that now stop away for the want of more entertainment in the Lodges; and it would also help weak Lodges to get the public in, thereby enabling them to raise the rent, which to many is very hard to do. I trust the Grand Lodge will see their judgment is wrong, and soon make it legal for our members to give Temperance dialogues in character dress.

HOME MISSION FUND.

Personal subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
F. W. Newman (Weston-super-Mare) ...	5	0	0
Sir W. Fox	1	0	0
George Dodds (Cullercoats)	1	0	0
	7	0	0

Amounts received from Districts:—

	£	s.	d.			
Beds	0	3	5			
Cheshire, E. and M. ...	0	7	0			
Cheshire, W.	0	7	2			
Dorset	0	0	7			
Durham, S.	1	6	10			
Isle of Wight	0	7	5			
Lancashire, N.	0	9	10			
Lancashire, S.W.	0	14	3			
Somerset, Mid	0	19	2			
Staffs, N.	0	2	1			
Surrey, E. and M.	0	4	0			
Worcester	0	2	2			
Yorks, N.W.	0	10	10			
Naval	0	5	2	5	19	11
				£12	19	11

JOHN B. COLLINGS (Hon.) G.W.Sec.,
G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

LANCASHIRE, S.E.—On Saturday, June 12, a new Lodge was instituted in the Bark-street Ragged School, Bolton, by Bro. J. R. Bennett, W.D.S. Seventeen members presented a.c.'s, and it was decided to call the Lodge the Bolton United, and to hold its meetings on Saturday evenings at 7.30. It was fairly understood in the meeting that aggressive work should form the programme for the Lodge, it being suggested and generally received that open air missions should be held in the summer months prior to the Lodge meeting. A good staff of officers was elected, and Sister Caroline John, H.D., installed them, and afterwards gave a very inspiriting address.

CAMBRIDGE.—On June 7 a very successful open-air meeting was held on Parker's Piece, when Bro. H. Wilson, D.C.T., presided, supported by Bros. H. Linsey, W.D Co., G. Collin, D.E.S., J. Burford, P.G.Sent., C. Dixon, P.D.D., and W. H. Kimpton, W.D.Sec.. Stirring addresses were given by Bros. J. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M., and Mr. H. Rankine. Over 400 present.

G.W.C.T.—JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.Sec.—J. B. COLLINGS, { Grand Lodge Offices 168, Edmund Street, Birmingham.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"Templars, Birmingham."

G.S.J.T.—JOSEPH WALSHAW, Crown-street Chambers, Halifax.

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AGENT.—JOHN WRATHALL, 54, Cheltenham-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE.

Hon. Sec.—S. R. ROLFE, 45, Paulet-rd., Camberwell, S.E.

NAVAL DISTRICT.

D.C.T.—JAMES RAE, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

D.S.J.T. — WILLIAM ANDREWS, 50, Anglesea-road, Woolwich.

W.D.S.—WILLIAM DAVEY, 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton, Kent.

MILITARY DISTRICT.

D.C.T.—QUARTER-MASTER SERGEANT, O. G. L. JONES, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—SISTER E. K. GABB, Bazaar Coffee House, Farnborough-road, Farnborough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. SMITH, 19, Hearn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

HARBOUR SPECIAL VISITING DEPUTY.—Bro. A. Bishton 35, Abercrombie-street, Landport, Portsmouth.

G.W.C.T.'s OFFICIAL NOTICES.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
June 21.—	Stafford, S.	Brownhills.
,, 21.—	Yorks, N.W.	Cornholme, near Todmorden.
,, 30.—	Yorks, (Cleveland)	Skelton.
July 5.—	Cornwall, E.	Gunnislake.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the WATCHWORD.

(Signed) JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

BRO. MALINS' "NO COMPENSATION" PAPER.

This is in the press and will be published shortly. Orders may now be given to the G.W.Secretary. Those members who have already ordered copies will receive them as soon as possible after publication.

ORDERS FOR GOODS.

The membership generally, when ordering supplies, are requested to send their orders *addressed to the G.W. Secretary*, and not to private individuals employed in the Office.

SPECIAL SESSIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

A special session of the Grand Lodge of England will be held at Penzance, on Friday, July 2, 1886. A special session of the Grand Lodge will also be held in the Opera Theatre, Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, July 13, 1886, in connection with the National Temperance Fete, which is being conducted this year by the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE DEGREE.

(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms. (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members THREE years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges; or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only SUCH OF THESE WHO HAVE NOT FORFEITED THEIR DEGREES OR THEIR QUALIFYING TITLES, BY EXPULSION, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORDER, OR VIOLATION OF PLEDGE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY ON THIS CREDENTIAL. Further particulars will be announced shortly.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRYSTAL PALACE SPECIAL SESSION.

The Credential Committee will sit in the Italian Court, from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m.; and the Degree will be conferred at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Credentials may now be had from the G.W.Secretary on sending a stamped directed wrapper for same. Candidates for Grand Lodge Degree will be admitted at Italian Court door, south-eastern door, and centre door, and will occupy the ground floor. Members already in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree will not need Credentials, but can work their way to seats in the gallery by means of the unwritten work.

Signed,

JOHN B. COLLINGS, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.

G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

JOSEPH MALINS.

AN ACROSTIC.

J ustice blent with mercy still;
O rder, law of highest Heaven;
S teadfastness of work and will;
E arnestness to grand aims given;
P romptitude to act aright;
H onour, stainless, clear and bright.

M ildness, manliness, and wit;
A rdour for man's brightest weal;
L oving faith to compass it,
I ndefatigable zeal.
N ever yielding to despair,
S uch is our Chief's character.

SISTER L. A. BERRY,
West Gloucester.

April 30, 1886.

THE BELFAST RIOTS—CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC HOUSES.

The following notice was issued in Belfast on Thursday, June 10:—

"We, the undersigned Hon. Wm. F. Forbes, R.M., and Felix Joseph MacCarthy, Esq., R.M., two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the borough of Belfast, have received information on oath and in writing that riots and tumults have taken place in, and through divers parts of the said borough of Belfast, and that it is apprehended that further riots and tumults are likely to take place, and arise in and through the said borough, and that the lives and property of the inhabitants therein are in jeopardy; and that it would tend to suppress and prevent said riots and tumults and restore peace and good order in said borough, that all houses kept by persons licensed for the sale of spirituous liquors by retail to be drank and consumed on the premises situate to the west of Carlisle-circus, Donegall-street, Royal-avenue, Castle-street, Queen-street, College-square East, Fisherwick-place, College-street South, Grosvenor-street, to Falls-road, should be closed, and kept closed from the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the 10th day of June, 1886, until the hour of 7 o'clock in the morning of Friday, the 11th day of June, 1886.

"Now we the said Hon. Wm. F. Forbes, R.M., and Felix Joseph MacCarthy, R.M., being two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, so as aforesaid, acting in and for the borough of Belfast, in pursuance of the provisions of the 3rd and 4th William IV., cap. 68, sec. 21, and of all other powers and authority us thereunto enabling, do hereby order and direct that all persons licensed for the sale of spirituous liquors by retail, situate as aforesaid, shall close the houses kept by them respectively for the sale of spirituous liquors by retail, to be drunk and consumed as aforesaid, from the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the 10th day of June, 1886, until the hour of 7 o'clock in the morning of Friday, 11th day of June, 1886.

"And we further order and direct you, and each of you, to whom this order is directed, to carry the same into effect.

"Given under our hands this 10th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

"W. F. FORBES, R.M., "F. J. MACCARTHY, R.M., } Two of her Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the borough of Belfast.

"To the District-inspectors, Head and all other Constables of Constabulary at Belfast."

DISTRICT LODGES.

*** It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

Isle of Wight.—Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Newport, June 9. An Executive meeting was held prior to the session, which was opened in due form at 11 a.m., by Bro. T. Ellery, W.D.G., in the unavoidable absence of the D.C.T. The Credential Committee reported all but one Lodge fully represented, the number of Reps. and members being largely augmented in the afternoon session. The D.E.S., D.Guard and D.Sent. were absent. The report of the D.C.T. was read by the W.D Sec., and after expressions of regret at being absent hoped the membership would avail themselves of whatever service he could render, and trusted that the county Lodges would do their utmost to maintain their ground during the summer months. The report was adopted. Report of the D.S.J.T. shewed an improvement in the Juvenile department, there being an increase of six during the four months, and the Temple at Ryde had been reopened with good prospects of success, the present number being a total of 254. The report of the Executive, submitted by the W.D.Sec., caused considerable discussion, a clause relating to payment of a fixed sum for expenses of D.C.T. being deferred till afternoon session. The forthcoming jubilee Temperance festival at Carisbrook Castle in August is hoped to prove a great success. The report of the W.D.Sec. was principally devoted to statistics and details of the Order, shewing a slight decrease in membership, owing chiefly to the indiscriminate suspension of members for arrears. Total of present membership, 735, in 12 Lodges, one Lodge sleeping till after harvest. Report dealt with the selection of W.P.Sec.'s as having a great deal to do with the matter of arrears, and recommending greater care in their election. The Mission Fund had not been so well supported as before, and several Lodges had not appointed collectors. After considerable discussion on certain paragraphs, the report was, as a whole, adopted. Treasurer's and auditor's report shewed books correct, and a balance in hand of upwards of £13, which, after late somewhat heavy expenses, was considered very satisfactory. Reports of all Visiting Deputies, with one exception, were read, and shewed a careful attention to duty on the part of those officers. After adjourning for dinner, the session was re-opened at 2.30, and Bro. W. Williams, P.D.C.T., of South Hants, and Bro. E. R. Smith, W.D.Sec. of the Milalaz District, were received with honours, and Bro. Williams presided for remainder of session. Motions on Digest were at once taken. No. 1, That the G.L. be invited to hold its annual session of 1888 in the Isle of Wight, giving rise to a long discussion. Ultimately the following was unanimously adopted:—"That this D.L. considers it advisable that the G.L. should be invited to the Isle of Wight for the session of 1888. The Executive to give the matter their careful attention and report matters of detail to next session." No. 2, That the sum of £3 per annum be allowed the D.C.T. for travelling expenses, and that any Lodge desiring a special visit from an Executive officer pay travelling expenses, met with several amendments, the following being resolved:—"That the travelling expenses of the D.C.T. for official visitation of Lodges shall not exceed the sum of £3 per annum." For next place of meeting, Wroxall was chosen, a Temperance hall being in course of erection, and expected to be opened in July next, which will be a great advantage in the village, and a help to Temperance work. The sum of one guinea was donated in aid of the Wroxall Juvenile Temple. The winners of the competitive gavel and block were declared to be the Star in the West Lodge, Yarmouth, with a total per cent. of 72, the Osborne Lodge being second with 56 per cent. A very long and interesting report of the recent G.L. Session was read by Bro. H. J. Medley, W.D.Sec., supplemented by a few details by Bro. T. Ellery. Report adopted, with thanks to the Reps. for their close attention to the business of the session. Bro. E. R. Smith, on behalf of the military district, offered to exhibit the Challenge Shield at the next D.L. Session, and gave a short address on part of the business transacted at the G.L. For the Good of the Order several short addresses were given, the Third Degree being conferred on several members and others admitted to D.L. membership, and after reports of Mileage and other Special Committees, the Lodge was closed in the usual way, thus terminating a very harmonious session.

West Cheshire.—Birkenhead Excelsior Lodge-room, Brassey-street, May 29. The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by Bro. Davies, D.C.T. There were present 22 representatives from 15 Lodges, two S.J.T.'s and 30 other members. The report of the D.C.T. spoke hopefully of the condition of the Orders; noted the opening of a new Lodge at Audlem, called attention to

the state of three weak Lodges, and dealt fully with the question of "frivolities." He said:—"The cause of Temperance will not be advanced by our meeting week after week aimlessly. Every Lodge should have a programme to give definiteness to each session. In promoting Temperance and prohibition we should seek to perfect ourselves in the best method and discard those that are of little or no utility," and quoted one of our P.G. officer's words, "The battle is not to be won by frivolities." "The importance of our work in endeavouring to raise the fallen and preserve the pure, necessitates our seeking help from the highest source," and urged the importance of Lodge prayer meetings and individual effort. The W.D.S., Bro. J. Kennerd, reported a decrease in members, but more Lodges; and the W.D.Tr. reported a slight balance due to him. The report of the Finance Committee suggested some slight modifications in the manner of keeping accounts, and an animated discussion took place in reference to finances; the explanations of the Executive Officers being, however, satisfactory, the reports were passed. The D.S.J.T., Sister Kinsman, reported a large falling off in membership in the Juvenile Department, but spoke of the re-opening of one Temple, and urged the members to take a deeper interest in Juvenile work. Bro. Lockhart, D.E.S., read a stirring report of work done and projected in his department, and complained of the want of funds to develope same. The chief interest of the Session centred upon the report of the Representative to G.L., and a long discussion took place in reference to the prohibition of kissing games and character sketches. Several members, while declaring their dislike to these things, considered that it was unwise to prohibit them. The report was, however, adopted. A longer time than usual was spent under Good of the Order, and special deputations were appointed to investigate the condition of the Lodges named in the D.C.T.'s report. The session was a very useful one, and although a decrease in numbers is reported there is no diminution in earnestness and zeal. The Gavel and Block were awarded to Hope of Willaston Lodge, which shewed an unusually large average attendance, every member being present at several sessions during the quarter.

Lancashire, N.E.—Iron School, Rawtenstall, May 29. The D.L. was opened in due form at 3 p.m., by the D.C.T., Bro. E. Fowler. Bro. Edwards, G.W.C., and Sister Edwards, were introduced and received with honours. The report of D.C.T. referred to the leakage in the District, and pointed out some of the causes of the decrease. The report of the W.D.S. showed a decrease of 50; present number, 420. The D.T. reported a balance in hand of £2 14s. The report of D.S.J.T. read and adopted. Report of D.Ex. showed that one Lodge had been opened, and efforts were being made to restart one in Darwen. Report of G.L.Reps. was read by Bro. Winfield, D.T. Bro. Edwards spoke for a short time. The Third Degree was conferred on several brothers and sisters. A committee of sisters was appointed to collect funds for the purpose of purchasing a new set of D.L. officer's regalia. Under Good of the Order what part of the D.C.T.'s report dealing with the leakage, was fully discussed. It is hoped that some practical good will be the result. Accrington was selected as place of next meeting in August.

Leicestershire.—Baptist School-room, Friar-lane, Leicester. May 27. The Lodge was called to order at 3 p.m., by Bro. A. B. Harrap, D.C.T. All the officers, with the exception of the W.D.Treas., were present. The D.C.T. presented a short but interesting report, in which he expressed pleasure at the increase of members in the District and referred to the recent action of Grand Lodge re kissing games and character dress and expressed a hope that every Lodge in the District would loyally support the decision. Bro. J. S. Hiley, W.D.Sec., reported 1,681 members in good standing in 31 Lodges, being an increase of one Lodge and 81 members for the quarter. The D.S.J.T. was unable to present a report owing to the returns being sent out so late. Bro. Hillier presented the report of the G.L.Rep. in which he stated that the Reps. voted solid for the new bye-law prohibiting kissing games under the auspices of the Order. On the motion to adopt the following amendment was moved: "That this District Lodge, whilst thanking the Representatives to Grand Lodge for their report, protests against their action in voting against character dress and kissing games." After a discussion for nearly two and a half hours the amendment was negatived and the report adopted. At the conclusion of business, Bro. Rev. S. Rixon, W.D.Chap., read an excellent paper which was highly appreciated. Session closed at 9.40. Representatives and members present, over 100. Next place of meeting, Loughborough.

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City of London. 181, Aldersgate-street, City.
Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
Orange Branch. Cong. Sch., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
Vernon. 176 Pentonville-road, N.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickenson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Road of Brotherhood. 32, Benson-st., New Cross, S.E.
Gen. C. Gordon. Baptist Chapel, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. 8.15.
Hand of Friendship. Shoreditch Miss. Hall, Kingsland-rd. 8.15.
Jahez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware rd., N.W.
Lambeth Perseverance.—Wyvil Hall (back of No. 4, S. Lambeth-rd.)
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Tn., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
W. Tewsley Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

WEDNESDAY.

Benjamin Franklin. Percy Hall, 8, Percy-st., Tottenham Crt-rd.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Westow-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream. St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Harringay. Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
Joseph Payne. Christ Church Sch. Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret M'Crae. Sydney Hall, Leader-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior. Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential. The Hall, St. Ann s-rd., Brixton (nr. Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crystal Palace. Fringe Hall, Station-road, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Garfield. Paradise-road School, Clapham-road.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Churchborough-park, Brixton.
Heart's Content. 68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8 15
Hope of Streatham. Iron School-room, Natal-road, Streatham.
James McCurrey. Bedford Hall, Upper Manor-st., Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Prim. Meth. School, Grayshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street. Coffee Palace, High-street, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.

FRIDAY.

British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Limehouse.
Finsbury Progress. 168, Blackstock-rd., Highbury Vale.
Grosvenor.—Tent of all Hall, George-st., Stamford, Chelsea.
John Bowen.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorneloe. 22, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp. Hall North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington Hall, Wellington-street, Islington.
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Econer-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stovold's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30.
BLACKPOOL.—Gulding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex. Sussex-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
HOLBECK (LEEDS).—Priestly United. Unitarian School.
LANCASTER.—Conny Palatine. Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richboro' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15.
WOKING.—Mayhury Sanbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Cambridge. G. T. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD.—Chelmsford. Assembly Rms, Co-operative Stores.
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Bethel, Regent-road 7 45.
GUILDFORD.—Stephen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall, High-st. 7 30.
HULL.—Paragon. Templars Hall, St. John's-street. 7.30.
LYMINSTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. P. M. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7 45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.). Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Station. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
SITTINGBOURNE.—Father Mathew. Crescent-st. Schol-rm, 7.30.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY

BATH.—Cottcrell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
ENDERBY (Leicester).—Charles Brook. National School-room.
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NORBITON.—Hope of Norbiton, Prim. Meth. Ch., Victoria-road.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum. British Schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
STONE.—Faith and Hope. Christ Church School-room. 7.30.
WEDNESBURY.—Pioneer. Prim. Meth. School-rm., Lea Brook. 7.30.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope. Union Ch. Sch.-rm, Abingdon-st.
BOLTON.—Claremont. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
KINGSTON.—Kingston-upon-Hull. G.T. Hall, St. John's-st. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Whitcom-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
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OLD BROMPTON.—Safeguard. I.O.G.T. Hall, High-street.
PORTSMOUTH.—Templars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30
RAMSGATE.—Spug Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Harlshead.
SPALDING.—Haad in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
ST. NEOTS.—Star of St. Neots. Wesleyan Day School.

FRIDAY

BRIGHTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
MANCHESTER.—L. R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-st., All Saints. 7.45
MARGATE. Perseverance. Foresters' Hall, Union-crescent. 7.30
NEW MALDEN.-Sure Refuge. Bap. Ch. Sch.-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
BIRMINGHAM.—Nil Desperandum. Richardson Schl.-rm., Farm-st.
GRAVESEND.—Satellite. Temp. Hall. Manor-road.
GUILDFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
LEEDS.—St. George's Rosebud, Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Cavendish-road.
MANCHESTER.—Concilio et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chap. School-rm., Ebrington-st.
PONLYWAIN (Mon.).—Esmond. Trinity School-room.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall, Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DOBLIN.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Cafe Gaucaud, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Eliza-street), Carlton. Monday.

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RAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. Schoolroom, The Mall. Monday, 7. L.D., Corpl. A. Brown.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp. Wed.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassieh Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
H.M.S. SUPERB, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
RICHMOND (Yks.).—Howard's Green, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHEILAH (Assouan).—Castle of Gibraltar. 1st. Batt. Dorset Regt.
SHOEBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, High-street. Monday.
MALTA.—Shropshire Guiding Star a., The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, 31, Infant School. Mon. 7.
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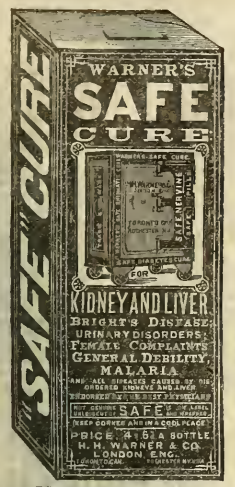

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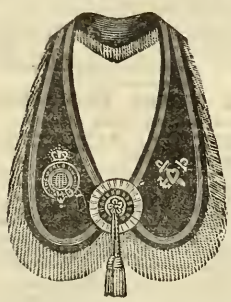

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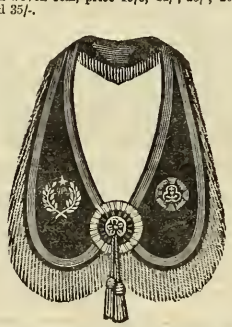

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CHAPTER III.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH.—BERTIE'S RESOLVE.—A YEAR'S PROBATION.

During the early days of Bertie's illness, they unconsciously continued that free intercourse they had known in childhood, and were quite at ease. She read to him and talked with him as though he were not more to her than he had ever been, in fact, as her adopted brother; but, as by a tacit consent, they avoided all mention of the day of her arrival and his accident. It was too painful to Bertie as yet, the thought of it overwhelmed him with too much shame for him to mention it. His eyes followed her with a tender, wistful look, whenever she moved about the room, which she, turning suddenly, had once or twice surprised, and whose meaning she knew only too well. But as he progressed towards recovery, a coldness and formality grew up between them, which pained him much, but was her only refuge. Therefore she increased it all the more, as he tried to lessen it. The struggle between love and principle was begun, and to act so, she knew was her only wisdom; yet none the less did she suffer. He would at times impolisively attempt to leap across the chasm, that he knew was slowly yet surely widening between them. Mrs. Creswell saw and wondered at it, but her delicate sense of honour would not allow her to question Carrie concerning it.

One afternoon, shortly before Christmas, all the four were together in the sitting room, talking of the coming Christmas, the weather, and other commonplace topics. A constraint seemed to be falling upon them, which even the squire felt and fidgeted under, and at last fled from, under some slight pretext or other.

Bertie determined to break through it, and asked Carrie if she would sing for them, and in answer to her inquiry, chose Moore's "Isle of Beauty." She struck a few preliminary chords, under cover of which Mrs. Creswell silently withdrew, and then commenced to sing with much pathos and tender feeling. The tones seemed to thrill through the room, more especially the refrain, "Fare thee well." Each succeeding time it gained in pathos and sadness, until the last seemed almost to rend her heart. They both were silent. Bertie felt an indefinable pain creeping over him which he could not dispel; it seemed as though she were gliding away from his grasp. Carrie rose, and went to the window. The prospect was sad and dreary enough, just in keeping with her condition, she thought. Soon Bertie was at her side, looking in her face with an inquiring, longing expression, which she too well understood.

"Carrie," he said, "you have saved my life."

"No, No."

"Yes. Mother has told me all; how you came for me that night, how you tended me in the ravings of fever, and endangered your own health to save mine, You have done far more for me than I deserved. I can never repay you as I ought, but if my life, which you have saved, can, it shall. You must know, I love you, Carry, love you more than my life; will you take all that I have and am and give me your love in return."

She stepped back as if smitten by an unseen hand, and he saw a look of intense pain on her face, as she said:—

"No, Bertie, no, it cannot be."

"*Cannot* be, Carrie! Why?"

"Oh! I can't tell you," she said, covering her face, and rushing from the room, while Bertie stood as if stunned, deprived of all sense and motion. All he was conscious of were the words "Cannot be,' which seemed to be repeated by innumerable voices. How could he be mistaken? He felt sure she loved him. Could it be that she loved another? No, never; he would never believe that unless he heard it from her own lips. What was it, then? He paced the room restlessly to and fro, but no answer could he get to his question. Two hours afterwards a note was put into his hand, which read as follows:—

"Dear Bertie—I may still call you that, mayn't I? I could not explain to you the reason of my refusal, but you have a right to know, and, therefore, I write to you. You will remember that when we used to play together as children, my mother used to tell me never to marry one like my father, and that I promised never to do so. Shortly before she died she asked me to renew that promise, and I did. Who could refuse? It was her last request. Forgive me if I have pained you, and try to forget me. At least let me be your sister. I have no other friends in the world now. Try to forgive me, Carrie."

A quick succession of feelings rushed through him when he had read the note. The first was extreme vexation at her mother for requiring such a foolish promise, and thus wrecking her daughter's happiness; for he felt no doubt now as to her love for him. But soon this view passed; he saw how Carrie was placed, and his love for her was doubled and he inwardly acknowledged her to be right. Before he went to sleep his resolve was taken; that as soon as he was well enough he would leave home, and test himself, to know whether he could conquer the habit, which he now knew had stronger hold on him than he had thought, then, when he was victorious, as something assured him he would be; return and claim Carrie as his own.

Early in the new year he put this resolve into action, and left home without explaining to anyone his real reason. The latent nobility and decision of his character had been fully roused; they had but been lying dormant, and needed but the application of the match to make them flame forth. He had indulged with Hatterely and Co., principally from sheer carelessness and love of lively company, now the time had come for his manhood to assert itself, or for ever expire. There comes a time of crisis to us all at some period or other, from whence the current of our life takes an upward or a downward course, but seldom ever afterwards reversed.

CHAPTER IV.

CONCLUSION.—ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.

Twelve months have elapsed, and Christmas again is near. There is a vacant chair around the table at Trawley Hall, and that is the one once occupied by Mr. Creswell. When spring was beginning to re-beautify the earth, he was called away from this land of growth and decay, to the land of eternal spring, which knows not the sad decay of autumn, nor the dreary cold of winter.

Standing there by the self-same window, as of yore, we see Bertie and Carrie, not with sadness and pain on their faces now, but with the glad, happy look of unrestrained affection. How it lights up both faces as with bright sunshine, as she leans her head upon his shoulder. Has she forgotten her promise to her mother? Has her love so degenerated itself and herself as to rush madly over the dead body of what was to her a sacred principle, to gain its object? No, no. She has not descended; Bertie has risen to her level. Easily? No. Who does? It has been an uphill struggle, but he has conquered as every true man will. His companions helped him not. They railed at his childishness, as they called it, to give up his pleasure for the whim of a woman. There was nothing manly in it, so they thought and said, and pitied, yea, almost despised him for his weakness. But it had meant more to him than they knew. It not only meant that he should lose or win Carrie; in the time of his separation from her, when he came to himself, it presented itself as a choice between the sensual and spiritual, the mean and the noble, his baser and better self; and he chose the latter. It does not necessarily do so to all, perhaps it does so to but comparatively few; enough for Bertie that it did to him.

And did he ever regret. Listen.

"Bertie," says Carrie, turning her face towards his, "I want to ask you a question, a serious one—may I?"

"Yes, darling, anything you like. You know you can. What is it?"

"I scarcely like to ask, and yet I want to. You won't think me unkind, will you!"

"No, dear," drawing her nearer to him, "don't hesitate."

"Did you——have you ever regretted giving up what you did for me?" hiding her face in his bosom to cover the tears that would come.

"Never, darling, never," he said, as he kissed her fervently. "I could give up far more for you."

And he meant every word.

That was a very happy Christmas they spent at Trawley Hall, for they were now husband and wife. They were now beginning the real romance of life, and there was much unborn sorrow in the dumb years before them, but they met it together and were thus strong. The upward course Bertie had begun was never discontinued. Though disheartened many times, especially in the earlier years, he never failed; for Carrie taught him where to look for strength. She was ever pointing him upwards. Her true vocation she understood to be the brightening and ennobling of her husband's and children's lives, and not theirs alone, but of all with whom she had to do; and the tenants and poor people around learned to bless the names of "squire" and "lady" Creswell.

W. LLOYD GARRISON.—A bronze statue of William Lloyd Garrison, the life-long friend of the Temperance and anti-slavery movements has been presented to the city of Boston by a large number of citizens.

MR. L. McIVER, M.P., ON TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

At a recent public meeting held under the auspices of the East Devon District Lodge, in the Town Hall, St. Mary Church, Mr. Lewis McIver, M.P., delivered an excellent address on Temperance legislation. He observed that being indisposed he had left his bed in order to take part in the meeting. Endorsing the statement of the chairman that the Good Templars were the fighting corps of the Temperance army, he said no one knew better than himself how true this was, for he had reason to be grateful to the Good Templars on an emergent occasion when their organisation and fighting qualities came out in very bright relief indeed. (Hear, hear.) Temperance work and individual effort were going on everywhere, but the great difficulty it had to meet was this—that the law provided and encouraged, and in a measure lived upon the providing of large temptations, and the department of the work to which he belonged was that of effort to reduce and minimise those temptations by Temperance legislation. He was afraid they were not very near obtaining the direct veto just now, but as long as Good Templars and other good Temperance workers, in their different tents and "habitatione"—(laughter)—he meant their tents and associations—kept their armour bright and their swords sharp for the fight, he did not think the direct veto was far away. There were, however, other points of Temperance legislation, and as every little counted he had always advocated that, whilst they should push forward to the goal of the direct veto, they should at the same time pick up every little they could get on the way and be thankful for it. (Hear, hear.) They had had very little to be thankful for in this respect in this session of Parliament. Various Temperance measures had found their way into the lobbies of the House of Commons, but very few had come on for discussion. Of those that had, the first was the Durham Sunday Closing Bill. Durham, like Cornwall, was a county where Temperance doctrines had sunk very deep and spread very wide, and the introducer of a Bill was able to say that out of the 15 members of the House of Commons returned by the county of Durham, 14 had adopted the Bill. (Hear, hear.) This was, therefore, a case where it might reasonably be said that the county almost unanimously demanded such legislation. (Hear, hear.) After considerable debate, the Bill was carried, and Mr. Theodore Fry, a gentleman well known to Temperance reformers—(hear, hear)—asked him (Mr. McIver) to use any influence he might have with peers to assist its being carried by the House of Lords. He did what he could but the Bill was nevertheless thrown out by that House; and, although he did not want to make any improper or unconstitutional reference to "the other place," he might say that there was a very big account there, and that this was an item added to it. (Hear, hear.) The Bill would in all probability again come before Parliament, and he did not think the House of Lords would throw it out again. Having referred to Mr. Conybeare's Bill for the protection of children, Mr. McIver went on to speak of Sir J. Pease's Bill for Sunday closing. A more unsatisfactory Bill for Sunday closing he could not think of. (Hear, hear.) It proposed to leave London alone. He did not disagree with that, as no doubt the Metropolis required special treatment. It further proposed to close public-houses on Sunday in the rural districts, and in a "populous place" like St. Mary Church it proposed to leave the houses open for two or three hours in the middle of the day and for the same time at night. The effect it would have on St. Mary Church would be to reduce the sale on Sunday by a few hours. The Temperance Committee decided that they did not care much about that, but that when they got the Bill in committee they would see if they could not improve it. Consequently, when it reached that stage, they proposed to make it absolute that there should be closing for the whole of Sunday, except for London. (Applause.) Sir J. Pease, however, voted against this amendment, and withdrew the Bill. The amendment was carried. At the present moment the question was in this position. The House of Commons had affirmed by a majority, though not a decisive one, the principle of Sunday closing for England, with the exception of London. (Hear, hear.) Thus, as the result of the discussions on Temperance legislation in the House of Commons during the last few months, if nothing had absolutely been done, there was a great deal to shew the way in which popular opinion was tending as displayed in Parliament. (Applause.) In conclusion, Mr. McIver alluded to the fact that he had been asked to take charge—on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society—of a Bill for the repeal of the refreshment and shopkeepers' licence, and also to support a Bill for the repeal of the part payment of wages by order, and he was considering the advisability of meeting this latter system by extending the provisions of the Truck Act to agricultural labourers. The session of the House of Commons had been a very short one, and it had been more than ordinarily agitated by two very large measures which were inseparably connected, to the exclusion of a great deal of ordinary private members' legislation; but if they had nothing absolutely tangible to shew in regard to Temperance, and if the House of Lords, by rejecting the Durham Sunday Closing Bill, had robbed them of their one ewe lamb, they had been able to prove that there was a very active desire on the part of private members to give effect to the largely-developed tendency of the constituencies in the direction of Temperance legislation. (Applause.)

WHY DON'T HE LAVE IT ALONE?

He says he can dhrink or lave it alone.
He's foolin' himself, that same vagabone.
Why thin don't he lave it alone?
Habits at first aisy to sever
Become iron bands that howlds him forever.
Why thin don't he lave it alone?
Och Hone.
Why thin don't he lave it alone?

The young top thinks that it's brave to dhrink,
He has no brains that would help him to think
Of father and mother at home;
But while dhrinkin' beer he thinks he is smart,
The danger he's in he don't lay at heart,
He had better lave it alone.
Och Hone
He had better lave it alone.

He'll take no advice, the pledge he derides,
In strength of his will, he fool-like confides,
To resist temptation's cyclone.
He tipples his wine and dhrinks his rum,
Degradin' his soul, soon his end will come.
Oh, why don't he lave it alone,
Och Hone,
Oh, why don't he lave it alone?

As down the current of life's strame he floats,
He sees on each side many stranded boats;
And oh, how sadly they moan,
Wishin' that they had stopped in time,
Before they were lost wid dhrinkin' wine.
For now they can't lave it alone,
Och Hone,
For now they can't lave it alone.

"A decayed heart has turned him aside;"
Won't listen to raison, is puffed up wid pride.
He sez, "I've a will of me own."
And so goes on down the broad path of sin,
And soon the devil will gather him in,
For the devil won't lave him alone,
Och Hone,
For the devil won't lave him alone.

—*Newfoundland Temperance Journal.*

WHIT-MONDAY DEMONSTRATION. — At Sittingbourne on Whit-Monday the Good Templars held a conference, tea, and entertainment. The conference was opened at two o'clock by Bro. W. T. Rule, W.D.Co. Three papers were to have been read, but the reader of the first paper on "How to Reclaim the Drunkard" (Rev. H. Denn, vicar of Sittingbourne), being unavoidably prevented from being present, two only were read, the first of these being by Mr. C. Wicks (of Tong) on behalf of the Bands of Hope of that town, and the second (on behalf of the I.O.G.T.) by Bro. W. Webster, on "Consistent Good Templary." Animated discussions followed each of these papers. At six o'clock a crowded tea meeting was held in the Crescent-street schoolroom, at the close of which the members and friends formed into processional order and paraded the principal streets, headed by a brass band, and marched to the Town Hall, where a monster public meeting and entertainment was held under the presidency of Bro. Lieutenant W. J. Phillips, R.A., Stirring addresses were delivered by Bros. W. T. Rule and J. M. Skinner, P.G.W.M. The audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the entertaining programme presented. Several new members as a result.

THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

The decision of Judge Brewer, of the United States District Court at Topeka, Kansas, in favour of compensating a brewer for being refused a licence to brew even for lawful "mechanical or medicinal purposes," did not touch the question of manufacture as a beverage. Even, however, if it had done so, it might be upset by the Supreme Court. It meets, however, with its match in the recent decision of Judge McKay, of the United States District Court of Northern Georgia, where the stockholders in a brewery claimed compensation owing to the suppression of the traffic under the recently passed Local Option law. The judge said: "This whole subject of the liquor traffic, and of investments precisely like those of the complainants—investments broken up or largely crippled by prohibitory laws—has been a fruitful source of discussion before the courts, and they are all now agreed that such rights and properties as the complainants assert they are about to have injured or destroyed if this law be declared of force, are not protected by the Constitution of the United States (Passenger Cases, 7 How, 504; Beer Co. v. s. Massachusetts, 97 U.S., 25; Slaughter House Cases 16 Wall., 129; Stone v.s. Mississippi, 101 U.S., 814). This question has been before the Supreme Court of the United States, the court of the last resort in cases of this kind, and that court uniformly and clearly held that rights of the character here set up must yield, however costly and devastating may be the evil, to the will of the Legislature in its passage of laws in their judgment for the public good. It is one of the risks that every man takes in entering a business or making an investment, and he cannot complain."

OBITUARY.

Sister Mrs. Attcliff.—It is with deep regret the John Bowen Lodge, Deptford, has to record the death, on June 6, of Sister Mrs. Attcliff, of typhoid fever. The attack was virulent, but short. Our sister was 37 years of age. Her remains were interred at Brockley Cemetery June 8 Our sister had been a member of the Order seven years, and had filled the offices of W.C.T., W.V.T., W.Ch., P.W.C.T., and was a most ardent worker for the spread of the Order. The Lodge has lost a good worker.—J.B.

Bro. Albert Worth.—We have to record the death of Bro. Albert Worth at the early age of 24 years. He was a charter member of the Pride of Grimesthorpe Lodge, and died suddenly after a short illness, on Wednesday evening, June 16. The Lodge meeting on the following Friday took prompt action and resolved to pay a last tribute of respect to our dear departed brother. On Sunday, June 20, about 60 members clothed in white regalia proceeded to Page Hall Farm, the residence of the deceased; but at the arrival there this number was augmented to about 100, when the hymn, "O! Safe to the Rock," was sung over the remains. Thence we formed ourselves in procession and proceeded to Grimesthorpe Church where the members formed a circle round the grave. After the usual ceremony was gone through, Bro. Rev. J. H. J. Beckhurst, H.D., addressed the spectators, numbering several hundreds, and read the Good Templars' burial ceremony. The members sang "Rock of Ages," and Bro. Rev. J. H. J. Beckhurst closed with prayer. The coffin was covered with wreaths, a mong them being one placed there by the members of the Pride of Grimesthorpe Lodge. Our deceased brother was universally respected.—H. J. K.

PRESENTATION.—At the close of the business of the Father Mathew Lodge, Sittingbourne, recently, a very pretty parlour clock, striking the hours and half-hours, was presented to Sister L. E. Streeton, who has held the post of L.D. in this Lodge for upwards of 13 years, but who is now retiring from the post in view of her approaching marriage. Bro. Webster, W.C.T., in making the presentation, referred to the loss the Lodge was sustaining in the removal of our good sister, and remarked that not only had she worked for her Lodge but also for the District. She had filled the position of D.V.T., and was a P.G.L.Rep., having represented the East Kent District at G.Lodge. Miss Streeton suitably replied, thanking the Lodge for their kindness. Addresses were afterwards given by Bros. Sivyer, Plowman, Goodwin and Leeds.

THE NATIONAL TEMPERANCE FEDERATION AND THE GENERAL ELECTION.

A special meeting of the National Temperance Federation was held in the Council Chamber, Exeter Hall, on Friday, June 18, at noon, Bro. Alderman Clegg, of Sheffield, presiding. It was reported that since last meeting the following additional abstaining members of Parliament had consented to become vice-presidents of the Federation :-- Messrs. R. A. Allison, J. H. Blades, A. C. Cobcett, Handel Cossham. W. M. Johnson, Jeremiah Jordan, Joseph Leicester, Miles McInnes, E. H. Pickersgill, W. S. Shirley, C. J. Valentine, Thomas Watson, and Henry J. Wilson. Letters expressing inability to attend were read from Capt. G. B. Thomas (Grand Lodge of Wales, I.O.G.T.), W. I. Palmer, J.P. (Western Temperance League), and others.

I.—LOCAL OPTION LEGISLATION.

Moved by Bro. J. Malins, G.W.C.T., seconded by Rev. J. S. Russell, M.A. (Congregational Total Abstinence Society), and

RESOLVED :—(A) That the evil of intemperance is admittedly greater than the combined evils of war, pestilence, and famine. That such evils mainly arise from the liquor traffic and the defective laws for regulating the same. That such laws accord to the people no meane for self-protection from the taxation and other burdens imposed upon them by the crime, pauperism, insanity, and premature deaths induced by the liquor traffic.

(B) That the House of Commons having three times, in years past, affirmed the right of the people to such self-protection by some efficient measure of "Local Option" with regard to the continuance or cessation of drink licences in their midst; no circumstances have arisen, which justify the unprecedented manner in which successive Governments have failed even to introduce a measure dealing with this question—a question, which, in the interests alike of Great Britain and Ireland, is of the greatest magnitude and urgency, and therefore ought to have been dealt with in preference to any other political question.

(C) That, without calling upon party politicians to ignore other questions, their programmes cannot be acceptable to us unless the Temperance question is included and early action is promised in respect to it.

(D) That, inasmuch as, under the temptations of the drink licence system, the people of Ireland spend in intoxicating liquors over £10,000,000 annually—an amount exceeding the annual value of all the agricultural land in that country, and which sum would be sufficient in 20 years to purchase the whole of the land for £200,000,000—it is obvious that in the solution of the drink question would be found elements for the solution of other great questions—for, in the words of Richard Cobden, "The Temperance reform lies at the foundation of all social and moral reforms."

(E) We therefore urge all Temperance Reformers to absolutely refuse to allow this Temperance question to be set aside for any other issue, and we call upon Temperance electors to secure from each candidate for Parliament, as a condition of support, a pledge to press forward "Local Option" Legislation, whereby the people of each locality in Great Britain, as well as in Ireland, shall have conferred upon them the power to determine, by direct popular vote, whether drink-shops shall or shall not be thrust into or continued in their midst.

Moved by Rev. G. M. Murphy (C.T.A.S.), seconded by Bro. W. Bingham (Midland Temperance League), and

RESOLVED :—That candidates for Parliament be reminded that none of the Federated Temperance bodies have endorsed the proposal for the transfer of licensing to Local Boards, or even to specially elected Boards; and (with a single exception) the representative Temperance bodies of England do not desire any complicity with the licensing system, but simply ask that the continuance or discontinuance of licensing be subject to the direct vote of the electors, as is the case in Canada, Queensland, and other British colonies.

II.—SUNDAY CESING.

Moved by Mrs. Lucas (British Women's Temperance Association), seconded by Rev. Benjamin Sackett, and

RESOLVED :—(A) That we thank Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P., for his efforts, and heartily congratulate him on his success in the House of Commons Committee in so amending Sir Joseph Pease's Bill as to provide for closing drink shops (save in the metropolis) throughout Sundays.

(B) That we request Sir Joseph Pease to concur in the amendment, whereby he will gratify so many of his constituents and the friends of Temperance generally.

(C) That while endorsing the amended Bill as far as it now goes, this Federation affirms the equal right of the people of the metropolis to participate in the advantages of Sunday Closing.

III.—SALE OF DRINK TO CHILDREN.

Moved by Bro. W. E. Clegg (British Temperance League), seconded by Bro. W. Bingham, and

RESOLVED; That we thank Mr. Conybeare, M.P, for introducing the bill to prohibit the serving of intoxicants to children under 13 years of age; and express our great regret at the amendment supported by the Government, whereby the Bill has been so changed as to be practically useless.

IV.—LICENSING DISQUALIFICATION.

Moved by Bro. C. W. Gordon (Grand Lodge of Ireland, I.O.G.T.), seconded by Bro. J. H. R. Moloney, and

RESOLVED:—That this Federation instruct its Executive to consider the expediency of such legislation as will disqualify all drink-shop owners in any area from being members of any licensing body in that area.

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SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION.

LIFE-LONG PLEDGE.—The Grand Lodge, by a large majority, declined to entertain any proposal for an alteration in the pledge.

PROVIDENT FUND.—The principle of this fund was again endorsed; but it was decided to confine the benefits to Good Templars and their abstaining husbands, wives and children, and not to give any extra advantages to those who were members of both Adult and Juvenile Branches. The complete scheme to be submitted to next G.L. Session before adoption.

DISTRICT LODGE CONSTITUTION. — The only change made in this was for the insertion of a suggestion in favour of the appointment of a committee for reporting to the public Press.

CHARACTER DRESS PERFORMANCES.—A proposition to rescind the Grand Lodge bye-law prohibiting these performances was lost by a very large majority, and by a similar majority the bye-law was extended to include Juvenile Temples as well as Sub-Lodges.

ELIGIBILITY FOR W.C.T.—The law prohibiting Lodge Deputies from being also chosen as W.C.T. was repealed.

QUALIFICATION FOR W.M.—The Sub-Lodge Constitution was amended so that in future there may be no Degree restriction upon candidates for W.M.—unless the Sub-Lodge by bye-laws so require.

CLEARANCE CARDS. — The following were adopted :—

That members drawing clearance cards at any time after the last day of the expiring quarter must pay the new quarter's dues before the card is granted—even though installation has not taken place.

That admission by card during the term in which the card is granted be not more than 3d.—no dues being charged—unless the Lodge, by bye-law, make a higher charge.

CHALLENGE SHIELD —The following was adopted in relation to future competitions :—

That in awarding the Challenge Shield at future Sessions, the increase of Adult membership shall be based upon the addition of members irrespective of clearance and associate cards issued and deposited; and of Lodges transferred to or from a District. The per centage shall be reckoned upon a minimum basis of five Lodges and 250 members.

REPRESENTATIVES to R.W.G.L. — Nominations for R.W.G.L. are in future to be made the first order of business at Grand Lodge on the Tuesday afternoon.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.—An addition to Grand Lodge bye-laws was made as follows :—

After one week's notice given in open Lodge by, or, to any associate member, the associate membership of such member may be terminated at the next session of the associate Lodge by a two-thirds ballot vote.

DEGREE CHARTERS.—It was decided that in future no Degree Temple Charters were to be issued to confer the Third Degree.

DISTRICT LODGE DEGREE.—It was agreed that wherever a District Lodge had enacted that the Third should be appropriated as the District Lodge Degree, such legislation should not be repealed save by voted consent of the Grand Lodge or the G.L. Executive.

GRAND LODGE DEGREE.—Credentials for this Degree are in future to be signed by the W.D.Sec. as well as the W.C.T. and W.Sec. of Sub-Lodge.

KISSING GAMES.—A new bye-law was enacted prohibiting all such games at gatherings in connection with the Order.

PARTY POLITICS, &c.—A bye-law was also made prohibiting the introduction of party political and sectarian topics in meetings connected with the Order.

REMOVAL OF A LODGE.—The following was adopted :—

That a G.L. bye-law be made requiring Lodges to notify all members before any vote to remove the Lodge; and that the District Deputy's endorsement be required before the removal is effected.

CONFIRMATION OF D.L. RESOLUTIONS FOR GRAND LODGE.—These will not in future require confirmation at District Lodge annual session.

JUVENILE TEMPLES.

JUVENILE PASSWORDS.—It was decided to issue monthly passwords instead of quarterly.

AGE OF SUPERINTENDENT.—It was agreed to move R.W.G.L. to amend the Juvenile Constitution, so that in future any member over 18 shall be eligible as S.J.T.

AFFILIATION OF JUVENILE TEMPLES.—The following was adopted :—

That a Lodge having decided to have a Temple, and such Temple being duly instituted, it shall be deemed to be in affiliation until the Lodge shall have first given a month's notice at least to the G.S.J.T. and D.S.J.T. of its intention to sever the connection, and then passed a majority vote to that effect. The same rule to apply to a Juvenile Temple severing connection with a Lodge.

JUVENILE PRIZE COMPETITIONS.—The Executive were requested to consider the desirability of assisting with prizes any districts inaugurating competitive examinations.

POLITICAL ACTION.

BRIGHTON.—On June 12th, a meeting of Electoral Superintendents and representatives was held at the Coffee Palace, North-street, Brighton, at which eight Lodges were represented. Bro. J. Nisbet, D.E.S., presided. The Superintendent read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. After some discussion it was resolved that a petition to the magistrates against granting new licences, and to refuse the renewal of any of the existing ones, should be promoted under the auspices of the local Good Templars. Bro. Gumbrill moved, and Bro. A. Peters, E.S., seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously carried: "That this meeting of representatives from nine Lodges of the Independent Order of Good Templars in Brighton, with a membership of upwards of 600 persons, views with deep regret the action of the House of Lords in rejecting the Durham Sunday Closing Bill at its third reading, and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Marquis of Salisbury, Earl Granville and the Bishop of Durham." The C.S. was then directed to inform the executives of the Liberal and Conservative Associations that no candidate would receive the Templar votes unless favourable to Temperance. It having been arranged to communicate with any new candidates for Parliament who might come forward for the borough in order to ascertain their views, and to call a meeting of the Convention to consider the same, the meeting closed with prayer.

SMOKING TOBACCO.—The use of tobacco, as distinguished from its abuse, ought to be a matter of intelligent observation and experience. We should incline to the opinion that any particular individual who can say, "I always know when I have smoked enough—if I go beyond the just limit I lose my power of prompt decision," had better not smoke at all. It is clearly unwise for a man who cannot swim to persist in dabbling in deep waters. There are currents and under-draughts which may at any moment destroy his balance. The very reverse of the complaint made by this person is the experience of most smokers. A moderate use of tobacco soothes the senses, and leaves the mental faculties free from irritation and ready for calmly clear intellectual processes. When this is not the effect produced by smoking, the "weed" had better be eschewed. —*Lancet.*

PARLIAMENT OF 1885-6 AND THE SUNDAY CLOSING OF PUBLIC-HOUSES.

L Liberal; C. Conservative; P. Parnelite.

A.—The following members have voted in favour of Total Sunday Closing in the County of Durham and also in the whole Country (except the Metropolis):—

a L Abraham, W., Rhondda.
a L Allison, R. A., Cumberland, N.
a L Balfour, Right Hon. J. B. L., Clackmannan and Kinross.
a L Barbour, W. B., Paisley.
a L Beith, G., Glasgow (Central).
a P Blane, Alex., Armagh, S.
a L Bolton, S. H., St. Pancras, N.
a L Broadhurst, H., Bordesley.
a L Burt, T., Morpeth.
a L Chamberlain, R., Islington, W.
a L Channing, F. A., Northampton, E.
a L Cobb, H. P., Rugby.
a L Conybeare, C. A. V., Camborne.
a L Corbett, A. C., Glasgow (Tradeston).
a L Cossham, H., Bristol, E.
a L Craven, J., Shipley.
a L Crompton, Chas., Leek.
a L Croseley, E., Sowerby.
a L Daves, R., Anglesea.
L Esselmont, P., Aberdeen, E.
a L Fenwick, C., Wansbeck.
b L Flower, Cyril, Luton,
a L Fry, T., Darlington.
L Gladstone, H. J., Leeds, W.
a L Gourley, E. T., Sunderland.
L Gurdon, R. T., Mid-Norfolk.
b L Harcourt, Sir W. G. V., Derby.
a L Illingworth, A., Bradford, W.
a L Jacks, Wm., Leith Burghs.
a L Joicey, J., Chester-le-Street.
a L Lawson, H. L. W., St. Pancras, W.
a L Leake, R., Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth.
a L Leicester, J., West Ham, S.
a L Leveson-Gower, G. G., Stafford, N.W.
a L McIver, L., Torquay.
a L McLagan, P., Linlithgowshire.
a L Maclean, F. W., Woodstock.
a L Mason, S., Lanark (Mid.)
b L Mellor, J. W., Grantham.
b L Morley, A., Nottingham, E.
a L Otter, F., Louth (Lincoln).
a L Parker, C. S., Perth.
a L Poulton, J. M., Bishop Auckland.
a L Pease, A. E., York.
a L Pitt-Lewis, G., Barnstaple.
a L Powell, W. R. H., Carmarthen, W.
a L Reed, Sir E. J., Cardiff.
a L Richardson, T., Hartlepools.
a L Roscoe, Sir H. E., Manchester, S.
a L Russell, E. R., Glasgow (Bridgeton).
a L Saunders, W., Hull, E.
a L Seale-Hayne, C. H., Ashburton.
a L Shaw, T., Halifax.
a L Shirley, W. S., Doncaster.
a L Stuart, Jas., Hoxton (Shoreditch).
a L Swinburne, Sir J., Lichfield.
a P Tuite, Jas., Westmeath, N.
a C Valentine, C. J., Cockermouth.
a L Wayman, Thos., Elland.
a L Will, J. S., Montrose District.
a L Williams, A. J., Glamorgan, S.
a L Wilson, C. H., Hull, W.
a L Wilson, H. J., Holmforth.
a L Wilson, J., Houghton-le-Spring.

61 Liberals; 1 Conservative; 2 Parnellites. Total, 64.

B.—The following voted in favour of the Durham Bill, but were absent on the division (Stevenson's amendment) upon the Bill of Sir J. W. Pease:—

P Abraham, W., Limerick, W.
L Allen, H. G., Pembroke Burghs.
L Asher, Alen, Elgin District.
L Ashton, T. G., Hyde
L Asherley-Jones, J. A., Durham, N.W.
L Balfour, Sir G., Kincardine.
P Baring, J., Wexford, S.
L Beaumont, H. F., Colne Valley.
L Bennett, J., Gainsborough.
P Biggar, J. G., Cavan, W.
L Blake, T., Forest of Dean.
L Brown, A. H., Wellington, (Shrops.),
L Brunner, J. T., Northwich.
L Buxton, E. N., Walthamstow.
L Cameron, C., Glasgow (College Div.).
P Campbell, H., Fermanagh, S.
L Carbutt, E. H., Monmouth District.
a P Chance, P. A., Kilkenny, S.
L Clark, G. B., Caithness.
L Coleridge, Hon. B. J. S., Sheffield (Attercliffe).
L Compton, Lord W., Stratford on-Avon.
a P Connolly, L., Longford, S.
L Courtney, L. H., Bodmin.
L Childers, Sir H. E., Edinburgh (S. Div.)
L Cozens-Hardy, H. H., Norfolk, W.
L Craig-Sellar, A., Partick.
C Corry, Sir J. P., Belfast.
L Dillwyn, L. L., Swansea.
L Duff, R. W., Banffshire.
L Ellis, J. E., Rushcliffe.
L Ferguson, R., Carlisle.
L Finlayson, J., Renfrew, E.
P Finucane, J., Limerick, E.
L Fraser-Mackintosh, C., Inverness-shire.
L Fry, L., Bristol, N.
L Fuller, G. P., Westbury.
L Glyn, Hon. P. C., Wimborne.
L Grenfell, W. H., Saliebury.
L Hastings, G. W., Worcester, E.
L Havelock-Allan Sir H., Durham, S.E.
a P Hayden, L. P., Leitrim, S.
L Henry Mitchell, Glasgow (Blackfriars).
L Howard, H. C., Penrith.
L Hoyle, Isaac, Heywood.
L Ingram, W. J., Boston.
L Jacoby, J. A., Mid-Derby.
L James, C. H., Merthyr Tydvil.
L James, Hon. W. H., Gateshead.
L Jenkins, Sir J. J., Carmarthen District.
a P Kelly, B., Donegal, S.
L Kernick, W., Birmingham, N.
L Leatham, E. A., Huddersfield.
L Lubbock, Sir J., London University.
L McArthur, A., Leicester.
L McInnes Miles, Hexham.
b L Marjoribanks, Hon. E., Berwickshire.
L Mather, W., Salford.
L Milbank, Sir F. A., Richmond, N.R.
L Morgan, Right Hon. G. O., Denbigh, E.
L Noel, G., Dumfries Burgh.
P Nolan, J., Louth, N.
P O'Connor, A., Donegal, E.
L Peacock, R., Gorton.
L Pease, H. F., Cleveland.
L Pickard, B., Normanton.
L Pickeregill, E. H., Bethnal Green, S.W.
L Picton, J. A., Leicester.
L Pilkington, G. A., Southport.
L Potter, T. B., Rochdale.
L Price, T. P., Monmouth, N.
b L Quilter, W. C., Sudbury.
L Ramsey, J., Falkirk District.
L Rathbone, W., Arvon.
L Richard, Henry, Merthyr Tydvil.
L Samuelson, Sir B., Banbury.
L Seely, C. Jn., Nottingham, W.
L Sheridan, H. B., Dudley.
L Simon, J., Dewsbury.
b L Spencer, Hon. C. R., Mid-Northampton.
L Spicer, H., Islington, S.
a P Stack, J., Kerry, N.
L Stafford, Marquis of, Sutherland.
L Stansfeld Right Hon. J. H., Halifax.
C Stewart, M. J., Kirkcudbright.
a L Stevenson, F. S., Eye.
P Sullivan, T. D., College Green (Dublin).
C Sykes, C., Buckrose.
L Thomas, A., Glamorgan, E.
L Trevelyan, Right Hon. G. O., Hawick.
L Warmington, C. M., Monmouth, W.
L Wason, E., Ayr, S.
L Watkin, Sir E. W., Hythe.
L Watt, Hugh, Glasgow (Camlachie).
L Wilson, Isaac, Middlesbrough.
L Winterbotham, A. B., Cirencester.
L Woodhead, J., Spen Valley.
L Wright, C., Leigh.
L Rylands, P., Burnley.
L Rothschild, Baron, Aylesbury.

83 Liberals; 3 Conservatives; 13 Parnellites. Total, 99.

C.—The followiag voted in favour of Mr. Stevenson's amendment to Sir J. W. Pease's Bill to make it *total* closing, but did not vote in the division on the Durham Bill:—

a L Acland, C. T. D., Launceston.
a L Agnew, W., Stretford.
L Bolton, J. C., Stirlingshire.
a L Borlase, W. C., St. Austell.
a L Bruce, Hon. R. P., Fifeshire, W.
a L Bryce, J., Aberdeen, S.
a L Buchanan, T. R., Edinburgh, W.
a L Buckley, A., Prestwich.
b L Campbell-Bannerman, Rt. Hon. H., Stirling Burghs.
a L Caine, W. S., Barrow-in-Furness.
b P Commins, A., Roscommon, S.
a L Crawford, W., Mid-Durham.
a C De Cobain, E. S. A., Belfast, E.
a L Ellis, J., Leicester, W.
a L Farquharson, R., Dr., Aberdeen, N.
L Fowler, H. H., Wolverhampton, E.
a L Harker, W., Ripon.
a L Hibbert, J. T., Oldham.
a L Holden, Angus, Bradford, E.
a L Holden, Isaac, Keighley.
a L Howard, E. S., Thornbury.
b L Hunter, W. A., Aberdeen, N.
a C Johneton, Wm., Belfast, S.
a L Johns, J. W., Nuneaton.
a P Jordan, J., Clare, W.
a L Kay-Shuttleworth, Sir, U.A., Clitheroe.
a L Labouchere, H., Northampton.
a L Lacaita, C. C., Dundee.
a L Latham, G. W., Crewe.
L McCullock, J., Glasgow (St. Rollox).
b L Maitland, W. F., Brecknockshire.
a L Morgan, O. V., Battersea.
L Morley, J. Right Hon., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
a L Moulton, J. F., Clapham.
a P O'Brien, P., Monaghan, N.
a L Portman, Hon. E. P., Dorset, N.
L Priestley Briggs, Pudsey.
a P Redmond, J. E., Wexford, N.
a L Reid, H. G., Aston Manor.
a L Roberts, J., Flint Burghs.
a L Roberts, J. Byrn, Eifion.
C Royden, T. B., Liverpool (W. Toxteth).
a P Small, J. F., Down, S.
a L Smith, S., Flint.
a L Stevenson, J. C., South Shields.
a L Storey, S., Sunderland.
a L Storey-Maskelyne, M. H. N., Cricklade,
b L Sturgis, H. P., Dorset, S.
a L Watson, T., Ilkeston.
a L Westlake, J., Romford.
C Whitley, E., Liverpool (Everton).
a L Williams, J. C., Nottingham, S.
b L Woodall, W., Hanley.

44 Liberals; 4 Conservatives; 5 Parnellites. Total 53.

D.—The following voted in favour of the Durham Bill, but against the amendment of Mr. Stevenson:—

b P Cox, J. R., Clare E.
b C Hill, Lord A. W., Down W.
b L Pease, Sir J. W., Barnard Castle.
b C Fowler, Rt. Hon. Sir R. N., City of London.
b L Mappin, Rt. T. W., E. Yorks. (S.)
b C Macdonald, Rt. Hon. J. H. A., Edin. and St. Andrew's.

2 Liberals; 3 Conservatives; 1 Parnellite, Total, 6.

E.—The following have not voted upon either the Durham Bill or Mr. Stevenson's amendment, but voted with those in above lists marked *a*, with Mr. Fry in his attempt to continue progress with Sir J. W. Pease's Bill, after Mr. Stevenson's amendment had been adopted. The motion to report progress was opposed by Sir J. W. Pease, who wished to consider his position consequent upon Mr. Stevenson's amendment in favour of Total Closing having been adopted:—

L Bickersteth, R., Shropshire, N.
L Ebrington, Viscount, Tavistock.
P Gilnoly, Jas., Cork Co., W.
P Harrington, E., Kerry, W.
P Harrington, T., Dublin (Harbour).
P Healy, T. M., Londonderry, S.
P Power, P. J., Waterford, E.

2 Liberals; 5 Parnellites. Total, 7.

For the motion to go on with Bill so as to get it through committee, 91 Liberals, 5 Conservatives, and 16 Parnellites voted. Total, 112.

F.—The following voted against the Durham Bill and also Mr. Stevenson's amendment.

b C Akere-Douglas, A., E. Kent (St. Augustine's).
b C Allsopp, G. H., Worcester.
b C Baden-Powell, G. S., Liverpool (Kirkdale).
b C Baily, L. R., Liverpool (Exchange).
b C Baumann, A. A., Peckham.
b C Beach, W. W. B., Andover.
b C Beadel, W. J., Chelmsford.
b C Bentinck, Right Hon. G. A. F. C., Whitehaven.
b C Blaine, R. S., Bath.
b C Blundell, H. B. H., Ince.
b C Brodrick, Hon. W. St. John, Guildford.
b C Brookfield, A. M., Rye.
b C Churchill, Right Hon. Lord R., Paddington, S.
b C Commerell, Sir J. E., Southampton.
b C Dickson, A. G., Dover.
b C Dimsdale, Baron R., Hitchin.
b C Dyke, Right Hon. Sir W. H., Dartford.
b C Farquharson, H. R., Dorset, W.
b C Folkestone, Viscount, Enfield.
b C Gibson, J. G., Liverpool (Walton).
b C Goldsworthy, W. T., Hammersmith.
b C Grimston, Viscount, St. Albans.
b C Heaton, J. H., Canterbury.
b C Herbert, Hon. Sydney, Croydon.
b C Hunt, F. S., Marylebone, W.
b C Isaacs, L. H., Walworth.
b C Jackson, W. L., Leeds, N.
b C Kimber, H., Wandsworth.
a C Lawrence, W. F., Liverpool (Abercromby).
b C Lechmere, Sir E. A. H., Bewdley.
b C Long, W. H., Devizes.
b C McCalmont, J., Antrim W.
C Milvain, T., Durham.
b C Mount, W. G., Newbury.
b C Pearce, W., Goran.
b C Powell, F. S., Wigan.
b C Rose, A. H., Maidstone.
b C Stuart-Wortley, C.B., Sheffield (Hallam).
b C Temple, Sir R., Evesham.
b C Tomlinson, W. E. M., Preston.
b C Viocent, C. E. Howard, Sheffield (Central).
b C Watson, James, Shrewsbury.

42 Conservatives. Total, 42.

G.—The following voted *against* the Durham Bill, but were absent upon the division on Mr. Stevenson's amendment to Sir J. W. Pease's Bill.

C Ainslie, W. G., Lonsdale, N.
C Allsopp, S. C., Taunton.
C Ashmead-Bartlett, E., Sheffield (Ecclesall).
C Baggallay, E., Lambeth (Brixton).
C Baird, J., Lanark, N.W.
C Balfour, Rt. Hon. A. J., Manchester, E.
C Balfour, G. W., Leeds Central.
b C Bethell, G. R., Holderness.
C Bigwood, J., Finebury, E.
C Boord, T. W., Greenwich.
C Burdett-Coutts, W. L. A. B., Westminster.
C Coddington, W., Blackburn.
C Cubitt, Right Hon. G., Epsom.
P Deasy, J., Mayo, W.
C Eaton, W. H., Coventry.
C Followes, W. H., Lamsey (Hunts).
C Fergusson, Right Hon. Sir J., Manchester, N.E.
C Forwood, A. B., Ormskirk.
C Gardner, R. R., Windsor.
C Gent-Davis, R., Kenniogton (Lambeth).
C Gorst, J. E., Sir, Chatham.
C Green, E., Wakefield.
C Hall, C., Chesterton.
C Hardcastle, E., Salford, N.
P Harris, M., Galway, E.
C Hickman, A., Wolverhampton.
C Hughes, E., Woolwich.
C Hughes-Hallett, F. C., Rochester.
C Knightly, Sir R., Northampton, S.
P Leahy, J., Kildare, S.
C Lewisham, Viscount, Lewisham.
C Llewellyn, E. H., Somerset N.

P McDonald, P., Sligo N.
C Mowbray, Rt. Hon. Sir J. R., Oxford University.
C Muntz, P. A., Tamworth:
C Northcote, Hon. H. S., Exeter,
P O'Hanlon, T., Cavan E.
L Pulley, Joseph, Hereford.
C Stanley, Rt. Hon. F. A., Blackpool.
C Stunock, P., Kilmarnock.
C Tipping, W., Stockport.
C Tollemache, H. J., Eddisbury.
C Tyler, Sir H. W., Gt. Yarmouth.
b C Walrond, W. H., Tiverton.
C Walsh, Hon. A. H. J., Radnorshire.
C Young, C. E. B., Christchurch.
1 Liberal; 40 Conservatives; 5 Parnellites. Total, 46.

H.—The following voted *against* Mr. Stevenson's amendment to make Sir J. W. Pease's Bill *total* closing, but did not vote in the division on the Durham Bill:—

b C Addison, J. E. W., Ashton-under-Lyne.
b C Agg-Gardner, J. T., Cheltenham.
b C Bartley, G. C. T., Islington, N.
b L Bass, Sir M. A., Burton.
b C Campbell, Sir A., Renfrew, W.
P Clancy, J. J., Co. Dublin, N.]
b C Clarke, E., Plymouth.
b C Compton, F., New Forest.
b C Cooke, C. W. R., Newington, W.
b C Cranbourne, Viscount, Darwen.
b C Cross, Rt. Hon. Sir R. A., Newton.
b C Curzon, Viscount, Wycombe.
b C Dunon, F., Holborn (Finsbury).
b C Duncombe, A., Howdenshire.
b C Fisher, W. H., Fulham.
b C Fitzgerald, R. U. P., Cambridge.
b C Fitzwilliam, Hon. W. J. W., Peterborough.
b C Fitzwygram, Sir F. W. J., Fareham.
b C Fletcher, Sir H., Lewes.
b C Fraser, C. C., Lambeth, N.
b C Halsey, T. F., Watford.
b C Hamilton, Lord F. S., Manchester, S.W.
b L Hobhouse, H., Somerset, E.
a C Heuldsworth, W. H., Manchester, N.W.
b C Hoare, S., Norwich.
C Howard, J. M., Dulwich.
b C Hutton, J. F. Manchester, N.
b C Jennings, L. J., Stockport.
b L Johnson-Ferguson, J. E., Loughborough.
b C Kennaway, Sir J. H., Honiton.
b C Lloyd, W., Wednesbury.
b C Lowther, Hon. W., Appleby.
b C Maclean, J. M., Oldham.
b C Murdoch, C. T., Reading.
b C Newark, Viscount, Newark.
P O'Brien, P. J., Tipperary, N.
b P O'Connor, J., Kerry, S.
P O'Hea, P., Donegal, W.
C O'Neill, Hon. R. T., Mid Antrim.
b P O'Shea, W. H., Galway.
b C Robertson, J. P. B., Buteshire.
L Roe, T., Derby.
b C Russell, Sir G., Wokingham.
b C Seton-Karr, H., St. Helens.
b C Sidebottom, W., High Peak.
b C Sidebottom, T. H., Stalybridge.
b C Smith, D., Brighton.
b C Smith, Right Hon. W. H., Strand.
b C Talbot, J. G., Oxford Univ.
b P Tanner, C. K. D., Mid Cork.
b C Tyssen Amherst, W. A., Norfolk, S.W.
b L Wardle, H., Derby, S.
b C Waring, T., Down, N.
b L Wiggen, H., Handsworth.
6 Liberals; 42 Conservatives; 6 Parnellites. Total, 54.

I.—Those marked b voted with Sir J. W. Pease to report progress with his Bill, so as to allow the hon. bart. an opportunity of considering his position, as also the following who had not voted upon either the Durham Bill or Mr. Stevenson's amendment to Sir J. W. Pease's Bill:—

C Bass, H., Stafford, W.
L Brassey, Sir T., Hastings.
L Cremer, W. R., Haggerston.
C Evelyn, W. J., Deptford.
C Hardcastle, F., West Houghton.
P Sheehan, J. D., Kerry, E.

21 Liberals, 88 Conservatives, and 6 Parnellites; total, 115, voted against proceeding further with the Bill.

364 Members have voted for or against Sunday Closing in Durham, and in the country generally (London excepted) of these

	For	Against.
Liberals	188	7
Conservatives	8	124
Parnellites...	20	11
Total	216	142

This summary excludes those in Section D.

JAS. J. WOODS.

Hartlepool, June 14, 1886.

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*** It is most important that the reports appearing in the official organ should be accurate and impartial. As we must rely upon voluntary aid in furnishing these reports, we trust the secretaries who, of course, are always in possession of accurate and full information, will forward us reports as early as possible after the meetings are ended; and that where the secretaries are unable to do this District and other Lodges will request some brother accustomed to such work to undertake the duty. Reports should be as brief as possible, consistent with efficiency.

Nottinghamshire. — Temperance Hall, East Bridgeford, June 17. Bro. E. Brooks, D.C.T., in the chair. Good attendance of Reps. and deputies. Bro. Peacock, W.D.S., reported a membership of 972, being a slight increase for the quarter. Bro. A. M. Pearson, W.D.Tr., reported a balance in hand of £7 19s. 9d. Bro. J. Waine, D.S.J.T., reported a membership of 409 in the Juvenile Temple, and earnestly requested the help of co-operation of the adult membership. Bro. T. Walker, D.E.S., reported on the arrangements for the forthcoming General Election, setting forth the views of the various Parliamentary candidates as far as ascertained. The remainder of the business was referred to a special session of D.L. to be held shortly. The D.L. adjourned for dinner at 1.15. At 2.30 a Templar demonstration was held, and a procession of members from all parts of the District paraded the streets of the village, headed by the Nottingham Sax Tuba Brass Band, under the direction of Bro. A. Hindley (this splendid band, all of whom are total abstainers, has recently been appointed the regimental band of the Robin Hood Rifles). After the procession a first-class tea was held, which over, an adjournment was made to a field in the rear of the hall where various amusements were indulged in. In the evening a first-class concert was given by the local contingent of the Crystal Palace choir under the direction of Bro. F. Sharpe.

West Cumberland.—Allonby. June 16. Session opened at 10 a.m. by Bro. Rev. James McNab, D.C.T. All the officers were present with the exception of the D.S.J.T., W.D.M., W.D.Ch., and W.D.Sent. Twenty Lodges were represented and a goodly number of members and visitors were present. The first report of the D.C.T. since his election to that office was received with marked approval. He made several valuable suggestions for increased interest in the work of the Order. The W.D.Co. read the report of the D.S.J.T. The W.D.Sec. (Bro. Fidler) reported returns and tax from 26 Lodges, the total membership being 1,226, an increase of 45 over the preceding quarter. The largest Lodge in the District is the Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Cockermouth, with 175, members. The next is the Crystal Wave Lodge, Workington, with 100 members. The report of the W.D.Tr. (Bro. Clark) shewed a balance in hand of £2 19s. 4½d. Ten V.D.'s presented reports of the condition of the Lodges under their care. The report of the D.E.S., coupled with that of the Political Action Committee was read, and after a lengthy discussion adopted. All the officers' reports were adopted. It was resolved to alter the D.L. bye-law so as to read "That each Lodge of 50 members or under, shall be entitled to send one representative to the District Lodge; for over 50 members two representatives; over 100 members three representatives, but not more." A motion which read as follows was lost: —"That this D.L. considers the political work of the Order to be a direct hindrance to the missionary work, and requests the G.L. to abolish the office of G.E.S., and other electoral officers." The next meeting was fixed to be held at Bridgefoot in October next. Bro. Cook read a very exhaustive and interesting report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Session, which report was heartily adopted. Bro. George Tomlinson, P.W.D.Co., South Durham, and Bro. Turner, Southport, were present as visitors from other Districts. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the Allonby Lodge for the excellent arrangements for holding the session. A substantial dinner and tea was provided and partaken of by a goodly number of members and friends. In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by the D.C.T., and addresses given by Bro. Sands, P.D.C.T., Bro. G. Tomlinson, Newcastle, and others.

Beds.—Bedford. June 17. The Order Extension Committee met at 9.30 a.m. The Executive sat from 10 to 10.30, when the D.C.T., Bro. Rev. S. J. Southwood, called the Lodge to order. The report of Bro. E. Capon, W.D.S., shewed an increase of 22 on the quarter. During the morning session, Sister Hasarnack, P.D.V.T., and Bro. T. C. Macrow, H.D., of Middlesex, and Bro. J. R. Weatherill, D.C.T. of Oxon, were introduced. The report of the D.C.T. shewed that the D.L. Gnide, which was issued for the first time during the current term, to be financially a success. A resolution was passed to be sent to Bro. Glaisyer, D.E.S., expressing regret at his absence through illness. Reports of Bro. Southwood, G.L. Rep., and of Bro. Tysoe, W.D.Ch., Rep. to London Conference, were read and adopted with thanks. On reassembling after dinner, the whole of the bye-laws were read, and the Executive were requested to send them to the G.W.C.T. for confirmation. A discussion took place during the afternoon with regard to Hope On, Hope Ever Lodge, of Biggleswade, and action was taken. The Third Degree was conferred on 12 members, and Lodge closed at 5.45 p.m. After tea a public meeting was held on the Market-hill, when addresses were given by Bros. Weatherill, Paton, and Sutcliffe. After the public open air meeting about 90 or 100 members headed by the Temperance Drum and Fife band, and the D.L. officers marched in procession through the principal streets. A public meeting was held in the evening. Bro. Southwood, D.C.T., in the chair, supported by Bros. Weatherill, Macrow, Sutcliffe and Crick, who also gave addresses. There was a large audience. The following resolutions were unanimously carried, and the W.D.S. was requested to forward copies to the Prime Minister, Home Secretary, and the members for the borough and county:—Proposed by Bro. Macrow, seconded by Bro. Weatherill, "This public meeting of Temperance friends notes with regret the effort being made in Parliament to weaken Mr. Conybeare's Intoxicating Liquors Childrens' Bill, by inserting a clause, the effect of which would allow a publican to sell liquor—not to be consumed on the premises—to children of any age, thus nullifying the purpose of the Bill, and this meeting urges the Government to support the passing of the said Bill as originally introduced." Moved by Bro. Dr. F. W. Crick, seconded by Bro. C. Sutcliffe, Missionary, and supported by Bro. Paton, U.K.A.:—"This public meeting of Temperance friends held in the Assembly Rooms, Bedford, believing that the subject of Temperance legislation is the most important question that can engage the attention of Parliament, respectfully urges Government to pass a measure giving the people the power by a direct vote to suppress the liquor traffic in localities where they don't want it."

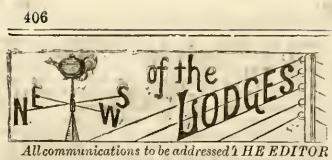
South Stafford.—Public Rooms, Brownhills, June 21. Bro. Nelson Ball, D.C.T., presided. The D.C.T.'s report shewed that the District was in a satisfactory condition, two new Lodges having been opened during the quarter. The D.S.J.T.'s report was also satisfactory. The W.D.Sec's. report shewed a gain of 11 on the quarter, the number in good standing being now 115 in 28 Lodges. The D.T. had a balance-in-hand on the general account of £9 1s. 5d., and on the Mission account of £1 9s. 10d. It was stated in the report of the Executive Committee that they had met the E.Supts. in view of the General Election, and had decided to recommend the D.L. to issue a manifesto to the Temperance electors thoughout South Staffordshire urging them to force Temperance legislation to the front. The manifesto was drawn up by the Executive and adopted, and 40,000 ordered to be printed and circulated. Resolutions were passed strongly condemning the action of the Grand Lodge in unconstitutionally legislating on the question of kissing games without the subject having been before the membership. After the business of the Lodge was finished, a procession was formed, and, headed by the Salvation Army band, the members paraded the streets. In the evening a well-attended meeting was held.

HOW WE WON THE VETO.

Regardless of any and every other question, the Temperance party in North Dorset made the Veto *supreme*, and determined that their M.P. should vote for the Veto, or they would oppose him with a man that would. *Immediately the Irish Division was taken*, we again obtained a statement of our M.P.'s views, which were in favour of Local Option through County Boards and against the veto. Therefore, without an hour's delay, we sought in several directions for a Veto candidate, no matter what his other views might be. Daily and hourly, by telegraph, post, rail, and road, we organised opposition, consolidated existing antagonism, and with inexorable purpose, casting aside all party ties, we worked in and out of political organisations by pen, and speech, and Press, till we had in a few days destroyed half of 1,500 majority, and got one Veto candidate quite, and another partially, ready. Then the sitting member sent for our secretary and promised in writing to "vote for a Bill, or a clause in a Bill, giving the direct popular veto on the Liquor Question by means of a plebiscite, a power similar to that now possessed by ratepayers under the Borough Funds Act." The rival political party to that of the majority of Vetoists afterwards adopted the new candidate so that now whichever man wins the Vetoists gain their point. Every Dorsetshire Liberal candidate now is pledged to the Veto. If Prohibitionists, whether few or many, whether followers of Gladstone, Salisbury, Hartington or Chamberlain, would but *be true to their principles*, unflinchingly and promptly sacrifice *all else* to obtain their one measure, only give vote for a vote, and daringly and faithfully fight every single Parliamentary opponent, the vote would be in operation within a year.

W. C. AMBERY, P.D.E.S., Blandford.

BRO. ROSBOTTOM is now open for engagements to speak and sing.—100, Pool Stock, Wigan, Lancas.—[ADVT.]



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METROPOLITAN.

Hackney.—"Hackney Mission." June 8. Visit of London Scots Lodge, Very pleasant session. Open Lodge. A good number of friends and visitors, and a very good and entertaining programme rendered by the visitors.—June 15. Soirée. Bro. Figg, V.D., presided. A good number of members and friends attended, and spent a very enjoyable evening. Songs, &c., &c. Refreshments handed round.

Penge.—"Crystal Palace." June 17. Mr. Mills presided, and opened the proceedings with an earnest address. Bro. Pinhore, D.C.T., and Bro. Wall also gave addresses. At the close one of the visitors signed the pledge.

Upper Norwood.—"Crown of Surrey." June 16. Entertained by Bro. Greest, W.T. and L.D., in celebration of his 60th birthday. During the evening Bro. Greest referred to the pleasure with which he had attended the Lodge for the last 15 or 16 years, having only been absent on three occasions during the whole of that time. The warm congratulations of the members and visitors were conveyed to Bro. Greest, with the hope that he might long be spared to work in the cause of Good Templary. Songs and recitations were contributed by Bros. Botting, Parrett, and Whitfield, and Sister Draper.

Tottenham.—"High Cross." June 15. Public entertainment by Bro. and Sister Fisk, assisted by Bro. Bailey and Sister Tomkins. Sister Shakespear, W.D.V.T. presided, and gave a telling address. Room full, and some promises to join were obtain.

Loughborough Junction, S.E.—"William Tweedie." June 17. Arrangements made for holding fruit banquet in July. Bro. Minshall gave a very able and interesting paper on "General Havelock, the Christian soldier." A discussion followed, in which Bro. and Sister Rolfe, and Bros. Marsh, Gardener, Pike, and Stone took part. A very pleasant evening.

Fulham.—"Victory Won." June 15. An open Temperance meeting was held with the very best results, as eight pledges were taken and one name given in to join the Lodge; addresses by Bros. Lockwood, Blaxter, Eldridge, and Heath; songs by Bro. Varney and Miss A. Reed; recitals by Sisters Grey and E. Reed; duet by Amy and Kate Reed. The room being comfortably filled, it was very pleasant. The meeting was called at very short notice by means of Templar Arrows.

Percy-street, W.—"St. James of London." June 10. Visit of the Albert Lodge from Kentish Town, who officered and entertained very agreeably. Thirty-eight present from the Lodges. Bro. Scotting, H.D. of Luton; Sister Haarnack, V.D., were among the visitors.—June 17. Whitsuntide free party. A large gathering.

Balham.—"Welcome Home." June 10. Visit from Bro. Hyde, D.E.S., and Sister Hyde. Programme for the evening being, "Hints on Temperance politics," Bro. Hyde gave a good address, speeches were also given by Bros. Hawkins, Peaks, and Hibberd. Vote of thanks passed unanimously to S.J.T. and A.S.J.T. and Temple Executive, for their labour in connection with the J.T. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this Lodge learns with regret that the House of Lords have rejected the Durham Sunday Closing Bill and feels that such action was inconsistent with the great majority of inhabitants affected, and merits the strongest condemnation, and that copies be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury, and Theo. Fry, M.P.—June 17. Invite from St. John's Hill Lodge accepted. Entertainment by brothers was well sustained, a speech being made by Bro. Hawkins, W.C.T., the programme was proceeded with; songs by Bros. Field, Rushbridge, and Riggs; readings by Bros. Hawkins and Peaks; recitations by Bros. Johns and Leach of Daniel de Foe Lodge.

King's Cross.—"St. Pancras." June 3. One initiated. Sisters surprised the brothers; some novel and useful presents were brought.—June 10. One received on a.c.; applications for G.L. Degree. Visit of Milton Lodge, who entertained.—June 17. Circular read regarding Crystal Palace Fête; Bro. and Sister Pearson were sent as delegates to represent the Lodge at conference. Surprise visit of Bro. W. Sutherland, W.D.C., who congratulated the Lodge on its successful working, and gave a very instructive address.

Islington.—"Henry Ansell."—June 15. The Lodge according to special arrangements paid a very successful visit to the G. W. McCree Lodge and met with a very cordial reception. Bro. Goddard, W.C., presided and the members gave an excellent entertainments.—June 19. The Lodge held its usual session, when the room was filled with members and with visitors from six other Lodges. Bro. Mitchell, of New South Wales, visited and met with a warm reception. Five new members were added to the roll, and after a recess, Bro. Foster gave a very interesting address, subject "Reminiscences of the Crimean War, with Illustrations"; the address was one which gave both amusement and instruction. Watchwords sold.

Holborn.—"London Olive Branch." June 10. Under the direction of Sister Webb a most successful public entertainment was given; Bro. Strong presiding. Recitals by Messrs. Pascoe, Newall, and Wilson; songs and pianoforte solos by Misses Coster, Hardwick, Pile, and Smout, and Mr. Smout. Special features of the programme were the recital of "Bob Cratchitt's Goose" (Dickens), by Bro. Strong; and musical selections from "The Mikado" (by the kind permission of D'Oyly Carte, Esq., of the Savoy Theatre), which were excellently rendered by Misses Hardwick, Pile, and Claydon. The meeting concluded with an earnest appeal by the chairman to all present to identify themselves with the Order.—June 17. Large attendance. The officers of the James Eaton Lodge, Camberwell, attended in force, and entertained.

Chelsea.—"Margaret McCurrey. June 9. Visit of Silver-street Lodge. Songs by Sisters Hicks, Thompson; Bros. Pearson, Beckwith; recitation, Bro. Hicks. One admitted on c.c. One initiated. Refreshments provided.—June 16. Question-box. Bro. Larking, W.C.T. One admitted by c.c. Short address by a visiting brother from Yeovil. Pleasant session. Watchwords sold. Lodge tastefully decorated with flowers by Sister Windmill.

Shaftesbury Park.—"Shaftesbury Park." June 17. Committee appointed to visit absent members and collect dues. The contents of a mystery bag were disposed of for the benefit of funds. Visit of Prudential Lodge, who gave a first-rate entertainment. Refreshments provided. Very enjoyable evening. Delegates to Open Air Mission reported final arrangements.

Chelsea.—"Grosvenor." June 18. Officered and entertained by the Sunbeam Lodge. Bro. G. Hampton, W.C.T. Songs and recitations by Sisters Heron, Prentice, Brown, and Stegg; Bros. H. Hampton, Jones, Forder, Ingpidll, Stagg, Shields, and Prentice. Pianoforte solos by Sister Caine. Refreshments of a varied description handed round. A very enjoyable session. Fifty-eight present. Watchwords on sale. One joined as Ancient Templar.

Kennington.—"G. W. Johnson." May 22. Quarterly tea; good attendance.—May 29. Service of song, "Dan Dabbefoot's Dream," rendered by small choir formed from Lodge, connective readings by Bro. G. Pickford, L.D.—June 5. Roll call and question box carried out very successfully.—June 12. Visit of John Bunyan Lodge and surprise visit of John Bowen Lodge. Full room and good session.—June 19. Essay, "Tobacco, its uses," &c., by Bro. Clack, who clearly showed the ill-effects of smoking. Discussion opened by Bro. Peacock, followed by Bros. Macrow and Edwards, after which it was adjourned. Visit by a Manchester brother, who gave a few words of encouragement.

Putney.—"Emmanuel." June 17. One admitted by c.c.; a brother visited us from Kingston-on-Tyne Lodge and gave an interesting address.

Kingsland.—"Mentor." June 9. Visit from the Upper Clapton Lodge, Bro. Gibson, P.D.C.T., presiding.—June 16. V.D.'s night. Bro. Davis, V.D., presided, and asked the officers in turn their opinion. (1). How to increase our members. (2). How to retain them. (3). How to increase our attendance. (4). Character dress and kissing games. After the officers had expressed their views, Bro. Davis summed up. The thanks of the Lodge accorded to Bro. Davie, V.D.

Pentonville.—"Vernon." June 14. A penny entertainment by the members was well attended, and also a great success, the profits going to the regalia number. At the close a special session was held to initiate two candidates, viz., Dr. Allen and one from the entertainment. Bro. Dr. Allen then addressed the Lodge. The Lodge elected Bro. Shakespeare to act as Lodge reporter. Watchwords sold.—June 16. Visited the Whitefield Lodge. Bro. Knight, W.C.T., had a good number of members, to help him. Bro. Knight and the W.D.V.T. gave short speeches. Several songs, &c., were sung, and Rev. Dr. Allen gave an address.

Fulham.—"Victory Won." June 22. A bright and pleasant session. One initiated, the result of last week's public meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was moved to Bro. Lockwood for the success of the meeting, which was due entirely to his individual efforts.

PROVINCIAL.

Brighton.—"Brighton Emmanuel." June 1. Visit to the Worthing Workmen's Own Lodge, Bro. J. W. Randall presided, and the programme was capitally sustained by Bros. M. Hollway, L.D., Peters, E.S., Packham and Sisters Dover, Anderson and Slade.—June 3. Question box. The questions which brought forward some interesting discussion were answered by the L.D. and E.Supt.—June 10. Larger attendance than usual, the programme being, "Read, recite, or pay a 1d." The majority paid the fine.—June 17. Sisters' evening; two initiated. Sister L. Holman acted as W.C.T.; excellent programme followed. Lodge decided to form a Political Action Committee.

Ryde.—"Ryde." June 15. A very successful session after the usual business. The programme of the evening was gone heartily into by a good muster of the members. The programme was "Glee Evening," and the musical abilities of the Ryde members went forth. Bro. Cherington received the thanks of the Lodge for making it such a successful evening.

Gosport.—"Portal Star of Hope," New Room, St. Matthew's School, Gosport, opened with a public tea and entertainment. The Juvenile Temple, The Rising Star of Forton, was entertained at tea by the Adult Lodge, about 30 adults partook of tea and about 40 juveniles, chair was taken by the Rev. C. Tanner, of Gosport, address was given by the chairman and Bro. Colour-Sergeant Tibbols, D.M., and S.D.G.W.C.T. Songs and readings by several brothers and sisters, and a pleasant evening being spent. A special session was opened at 9.30 p.m., when four friends were initiated, one re-instated, and one proposed on c.c.

Keighley.—"Reformation." June 10. Grand session. One initiated. Quarterly prayer meeting led by the W.C.T.—June 17. Resolved: "That a reasonable sum be allowed out of the Lodge funds for day's expenses of our D.L.Rep." The Juvenile Temple visited and entertained.

Liverpool.—"Cranmer." June 18. Bro. Quine, W.C.T., presided. Resolution adopted for D.L. Digest in favour of establishing examinations on the laws of the Order.

Holdeck.—"Priestly United." June 15. Picnic to Oakworth House, the residence of Mr. Isaac Holden, M.P. for Bradford. The members of the Lodge, along with several members and friends of the Armley Evening Star Lodge, journeyed to Oakworth, where they were met by several Good Templars from Keighley, and then they went through the splendid grounds of Oakworth House, and then to Bros. Binns' Temperance Hotel at Oakworth, where justice was done to a good repast, which had been provided, after which a short meeting was held, presided over by Bro. Digman, of the Reformation Lodge, Keighley. Bro. Barnes gave an address on Juvenile Templary. Home was reached at 8.15, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Garston.—"Humilitas." May 26. One initiated and one restored. G.W.C.T.'s circular read.—June 2. Visit from Raffles Memorial Lodge, who gave an excellent entertainment. Admirable reports of the proceedings of D.L. was given by Bros. Moss and Facey.—June 9. Officered and entertained by the Wavertree Gleam of Hope, an excellent programme being rendered.—June 16. A night of sacred song, interspersed with the testimonies of eminent men in favour of Temperance. Songs by Sisters Moss and Facey, and Bros. Wild and Jennione. A most pleasant and instructive evening was spent. Lodge working harmoniously, and hoping to increase the membership during the quarter.

Reading.—"Reading." June 15 Lodge opened by Bro. Cooke, W.C.T.; good attendance. Bro. Tee proposed that we have an outing and invite the Caledonian, Reading, and Workingham Excelsior Lodges to take part with us in same; committee appointed to attend to it and report at future session. Bro. Robinson P.D.D.D. invited the members to go over to Workingham to help the Lodge there on Thursday the occasion being a public meeting. Lodge well attended generally and progressing.

Manchester.—"National Union." June 3. Sisters surprise night. By an invitation of the sisters, Bro. Holton, D.C.T., was present, and presided. After a few words from Bro. Tolton, the rest of the night was spent in songs, recitations, &c. Afterwards oranges, sweets, lucky bags, &c., were distributed, and a very pleasant night was spent.—June 10. Tit bit night. Some very amusing pieces were given from the Watchword and other books.

Manchester.—"Concilio et Labore." June 19. Impromptu entertainment; songs, &c., by Bros. Peplow, Bradshaw, Ensell and Lowry; addresses by Bro. Boggie, P.D.Sec.; Bro. Newman, S.W.Lane.; Bros. Musk, D.E.S., and Parfitt, C.C.T. Telegraphic greeting received from Bro. Tolton, D.C.T. One initiated; good attendance.

New Malden.—"Sure Refuge." June 18. Open Lodge, Bro. J. Taylor, V.D., presided, and gave an address upon the principles of the Order. The W.C.T. followed with a neat speech for the sisters particularly. Bro. Ernest Taylor recited the "Road to Heaven." Two young girls from the Band of Hope gave an excellent dialogue. A most pleasant meeting was closed by a short address from the L.D. Templar Mission hymns sung. Fair attendance. Watchwords sold.

Nottingham.—"Hope and Lifeboat." June 16. A capital Temperance question box was conducted by Bro. J. Patter Briscoe, F.R.H.S. After a keen competition the prizes were awarded to Sister Simpson, sen., and Bro. Mee.

Devonport.—"Gordon Memorial." June 18. Lodge opened by Bro. Ford, W.C.T. Bro. McLeae, W.S., read the bye-laws which he had compiled, and which were agreed to. Bro. McLean, W.S., was appointed reporter to the Watchword. Three initiated. Good of the Order was gone into after a good evening's business. Bro. Ford, sang; Bro. McLean read a paper on "The Drinking Men of the District." Four proposed for next session.

Alderley Edge.—"Excelsior." June 15. The D.C.T., Bro. J. H. Yates, presided, and welcomed Bro. S. M. Walford, and Bro. Job Fisher, of Stockport, who were paying the Lodge a visit.

Stockport.—"Gleaner." June 14. Bro. Howarth, W.C.T. "The Reason why I joined the Order," was the programme of the evening, and brought out a varied experience of the reason why. Some to strengthen their desire to be better, some for example, and some for curiosity. A good work going on in this Lodge. A very successful Juvenile Temple is connected with it, and a subscription was made towards the young people's annual picnic.

Dover.—"Maison Dieu." June 16. Surprise visit from Love and Unity Lodge, Folkstone. Two initiated, Sister Cox, W.Sec., presented with a deputy's regalia. Addresses by Sister Cox, Bros. Pritchard, V.D., Topping, L.D., Tutt (of Folkestone), and Ainsworth, V.D., with singing Sankey's hymns and solos by the sisters from Folkestone, made a most enjoyable evening.

West Hartlepool.—"Brunswick." June 16. One of the most interesting events which has occured for some time took place on the above date, when Bro. and Sister Carr were presented with a beautiful Bible and Shakespeare text-book, the occasion being the celebration of their silver wedding. Many members bore testimony to the worth of their co-workers, and Bro. Carr feelingly responded.

Devonport.—"Star of Morice Town." June 16. Visit of Bro. Hamley, D.C.T., who conducted a council of instruction, which was very good, and quite a Lodge-room filled to hear the explanations.

Devonport.—"Workman's Rest." June 19. A very good meeting of military members to hear Bro. Taylor, W.D.S., read his paper on the "Taj of Agra," which was

very interesting; one brother was admitted on c.c. from Egypt's First Lodge, Kasr-el-tin. Our brother belongs to the Cornwall regiment and only arrived here on Thursday last; visit also of Band-Sergt. Chandler, of the same regiment, who presided at the harmonium and gave a song and solo upon the harmonium; Bro. Sergeant Christie, of the Royal Irish Regiment, also sang, as did Bro. Freeman of the Cornwall Regiment; a very nice meeting.

DEVONFORT.—"St. Aubyn." June 17. Official visit of Bro. George Richards, V.D., who presided and conducted the initiation of two sisters and one brother, and afterwards gave a very earnest address upon the benefits of being a Good Templar; a very good attendance and a very pleasant evening.

SUNDERLAND.—"Conquerors' Home." June 16. Good attendance. Sister Winn read a paper on "Love, Courtship and Marriage," after which Bro. J. Pattison, D.C., referred to the departure of Bro. Crawford next week for the Antipodes, and announced that the members wishful to shew their appreciation of the services of that brother, who had evinced a marked willingness to do anything in his power for the good of the Lodge, had subscribed a purse of gold for presentation to him. The W.C.T., Bro. Winn, then handed the purse to Bro. Crawford, who replied with some emotion.

DRESDEN.—"Victory." June 15. Public meeting, and singing contest, open to all Good Templars. First prize for brothers: Bro. Leach, silver scarf pin; second prize, Bro. Shea, a book. First prize for sisters: Sister Rhodes, silver brooch; second prize, Sister Cope, a book. The second prizes were generously provided by Bro. Evans. Addresses were given by Bros. Rudd and Lowe. Good Templars attended in regalia, and the Lodge sat in session form. The audience, which was a very good one, awarded the prizes by ballot. Great good and an increased membership is expected to accrue from this meeting, which was a success throughout.

GLOSSOP.—"Mount Pleasant." June 3. After business was gone through, Bro. Parker gave an excellent Temperance speech. Sister Goodman, L.D., gave a reading, the WATCHWORD leader, "Ignoble Lords." Sister Crawford and Bro. Wood and Bro. King, Hope of Glossop, also took part.—June 10. Consideration of new programme. Fair attendance.—June 17. Bro. Redford, V.D., Mosley Fidelity, visited, and presided. He gave the Lodge some very good counsel. Sister Goodman gave a reading; Bro. T. Parker a song; Bros. Redford, Shirt, and Oliver gave recitations. A very interesting session.

LEEDS.—"Nil Desperandum." June 17. One sister initiated (transferred from J.T.). Bros. Swanuel and Gandy presented greeting from Northampton Pioneer Lodge and amongst other visitors were Bro. Roberts, D.S.J.T., and Bro. Noah Cowling, V.D. Bro. J. Deans, D.C.T., P.G.W.C.T., read a valuable essay on "How best to reach and benefit those who most need our help," laying particular stress on the necessity for individual exertion. Good session.

DRIFFIELD.—"Hope of Driffield." June 18. The following resolution unanimously adopted: "That this Lodge heartily concurs in the decisions of the G.L. prohibiting kissing games and performances in character dress." An ex-publican and his wife initiated. Very pleasing entertainment by Bro. W. Smith and family, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

MANCHESTER.—"Good Samaritan." June 8. Official visit of the No. 3 Convention Executive. Addresses by Bro. H. Parfitt, C.C., and Bro. W. Gibbon, W.D.Tr.—June 15. Report of committee to arrange for open-air work presented by Bro. P.D.S.J.T.; resolved to hold open-air meeting every alternate Thursday. Report of committee on formation of Juvenile Temple presented, and discussion of the question deferred a week. Bro. Smith gave a stirring address, and Bro. Yarnold, who recently went to Birmingham, was present, and heartily welcomed.

GUILDFORD.—"Rescue." June 19. Songs, Sisters West and Kingswood, Bros. Smith, Booth, Garran, and Mills. Readings, Bros. Booth and Le Keux. Pianoforte selection, Sister Leach. Address, Bro. R. G. Davey.

GUILDFORD.—"Guildford." June 18. Pianoforte selection, Sister Leach. Songs, Sister Perry, Bro. Leach, Bro. Matthews, and A. Peacock. Recitation, Bro. Mansell. Reading, Bro. Peters. Two initiated.

RINGWOOD.—"Avon Valley." June 14. Annual picnic in the New Forest, Boldrewood being the selected spot. The party, to the number of 50, made a start at 10 a.m., arriving in the wood at 12.30. Lunch having been partaken of, all were free to enjoy themselves in the different games provided under the splendid oak and chestnut trees with which the wood abounds. Tea being ready at 4, the social cup was handed round in the good old English style; afterwards all went for a ramble in the nice walks of the wood, the start for home being made at 7 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. —June 15. Bro. Ayles announced that £1 was to be added to the funds of the Lodge, being balance of picnic account. [Please write only on one side of the paper.]

TORQUAY.—"Excelsior." June 18. Captains brought up their report respecting absentees. Resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to L. McIver, Esq., M.P., on his illness. Bro. Blank, W.C.T., gave a report of the D.L. proceedings.

LANDPORT.—"Templars' Alliance." June 17. An evening with the sisters. Sister Jenny Russell presided; solos, readings, recitations and duets were given and highly appreciated. Lodge doing well, increasing, and working well together. A resolution passed for letters to be written by W.S. to Parliamentary candidates now seeking election, asking their support to Local Option, Total Prohibition and Infants' Bill.

BOLTON.—"Bolton United." June 19. A lively session. Three members presented a.c.'s.

DONCASTER.—"White Rose." June 9. Pleasant session. After business Gospel Temperance songs and solos were given by the members present.—June 16. One initiated and one proposed. Programme: Devotional meeting, conducted by Bro. H. H. Marshall. Good attendance. Usual WATCHWORDS taken.

REDRUTH.—"Help and Refuge." May 18. Open session. Bro. J. M. Harris, W.C.T., presided. Readings by Sister B. Hicks and E. E. Mitchell, Bros. Browning, Smith, and S. Crispin; recitations, Bros. Rev. B. Pollard, R. Smith, T. H. Crispin, and J. M. Harris; songs by Sister L. G. Prestrail.—June 1. Three initiated, two proposed. Programme: Who shall be W.C.T. Very profitable evening.—June 8. Two initiated and two proposed. Programme: Social evening. Sisters B Hicks and L. G. Trestrail provided a good supply of eatables. A very pleasant evening.—June 15. Second and Third Degree night. Third Degree conferred on two, and Second Degree conferred on two.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Safeguard." June 17. One readmitted, and one restored. Social evening with refreshments. Bro. Deeks gave a very interesting address on "Total abstinence tending to prolong life." A very pleasant session. About 52 present.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—A very successful fête was held here on June 16, under the auspices of the Band of Hope and Good Templar Lodge.—On June 17 friends from the Conference Lodge, Taunton, drove over and gave a capital entertainment to the members and friends, assisted by Bro. J. G. Clarke, of the Hope of Islington, who was here on a visit.

BRIGHTON.—"Withdeane Court." June 5. Large attendance and one proposed. Result of recitation competition which was keenly contested, placed Sister Slade first and Bro. Price second; Bro. G. Cooper. V.D., and J. Nurcombe, P.W.D.Co., acted as judges.—June 12. Question Box. Papers answered by Bros. Parsons and Peters, L.D.—June 19. Two initiated and large number present, Sister B. Reed presiding. The programme was "Essay Night." Three papers were contributed and heartily discussed by Sister E. Paulson, D.V.T., and Bros. Nurcombe, Jacklin, Gumbrill, Price, Peters and Vinten. Sister Mrs. Haefner, P.D.V.T., reported to be much better; Lodge improving.

BIRMINGHAM.—"Small Heath Arbor Vitæ." June 18. Bro. W. J. Glover, W.C.T. Programme presented by the Programme Committee and adopted. Arrangements were made for two public meetings during the quarter, and a picnic was also suggested. Sister Mrs. Sprague, D.V.T., read an essay, which was very instructive and interesting, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Discussed by Bros. Lewis, L.D.; Doidge, W.F.S.; Glover and Smith, W.M.

COVENTRY.—"Sandford Example." June 19th. Bro. Burdett, jun., W.C.T., presiding. Bro. J. Palmer Price, W.Sec., formerly of Nil Desperandum Lodge at Portsmouth, gave an interesting account of his visit to the garrison and of the progress the Military Lodge had been making. Bro. W. J. Glover, D.C.T., also paid an official visit and addressed the Lodge. Bro. C. A. Gray, W.D.T., was also present, and spoke. At the conclusion both officers were warmly thanked for their words of council and encouragement.

PLYMOUTH.—"Ark of Love." June 19. Programme, "Officered by G.L. Members." Bro. W. E. Hooper, W.D.Co. (East, and Mid Surrey), and a former D.S. of South Devon, was present, and met with a hearty reception. He spoke a few words on the Order in London, and on the Crystal Palace Fête. Sister Wheeler, P.D.V.T., and Bro. Hamley, D.C.T. referred to the time when Bro. Hooper was with them. Greetings were ordered to be taken to Peckham Lodge. A pleasant evening was spent.

WALES.

THE WELSH GRAND LODGE.—The annual session of the Welsh Grand Lodge of Wales I.O.G.T., was held at Machynlleth on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 16th to 18th. The various Lodges were represented; also the English Grand Lodge of Wales by Bro. J. Smout; Grand Lodge of England by Bro. J. Thomas, G.S.-nt.; and Bro. J. Turnoull, G.W.S., represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World. Bro. Henry J. Williams (Plenydd), G.W.C.T., presided over the meetings. The G.W.S. reported a substantial increase in membership, and the financial position is in a satisfactory condition. The G.S.J.T. reported an increase in that department of over 5,500 during the last 12 months. The members of the Maglona Lodge had prepared a suitable collation for the representatives. A large Temperance demonstration was held on Thursday afternoon, which consisted of about 1,000 people of Temperance societies, Bands of Hope, and Good Templars. In the evening a great Temperance meeting was held at the Town Hall, when Sir Llewelyn Turner (High Sheriff of Carnarvonshire) presided.

NAVAL.

PORTSMOUTH.—"Pride of the Navy." June 15. At this session a new Lodge, to which the name "Unity is Strength" was given, was instituted by Bro. E. Grant Tupper, L.D., which is to be located on board her Majesty's ship Volage. Bro. Haynes was chosen as L.D.; Bro. Burgoyne as W.C.T.; and Bro. Richardson as W.Sec. A set of officers and two dozen white regalias were presented by the older to the newly instituted Lodge. The session concluded with an auction sale, at which Bro. Burgoyne officiated a sauctioneer.

OLD BROMPTON.—"Red, White and Blue." June 19. One admitted on a.c. The motion of which notice was given that we transfer to Military or Mid-Kent District was brought on and very fully discussed by Bro. Rule, of Sheerness, on behalf of the D.C.T.; Bro. Denton, W.D.M., Bros. Ould, McCreery, Dence, &c. The motion was eventually adjourned for six months; Lodge-room crowded.

MILITARY.

WINCHESTER.—"Garrison Safeguard." June 15. Three initiated and others proposed. Letter read to the members by Bro. Moody, W.S., from the Southampton Lodges, inviting the Winchester Lodges to a picnic. The programme of the evening was then proceeded with, viz., W.C.T. night: Selected Temperance airs on the harmonium, Bro. Taylor; songs, Sisters Whitear and Hibberd; recitations, Sister Steer and Bro. Brealey, L.D.; solo on the slide trombone, Bro. Whitear; reading, "The King and the Locusts," Bro. Goodyear. A very pleasant evening.

JUVENILE TEMPLES.

DONCASTER.—"Morning Star." June 7. Good meeting; 14 initiated; five proposed; afterwards the children were rehearsed for coming entertainment, "Try Your Best."

HACKNEY.—"Hackney Mission." June 8. Two initiated; good attendance; sewing-bee contest, in which 20 brothers and sisters took part. Bro. Hanlon, C.S., gave address, and offered prize for recitation contest.

KINGSLAND.—"Bedford" and "Maberly." These Temples, which are affiliated with the Bedford Lodge, Kingsland, had their annual outing to Epping Forest, on June 19, Woodford being as usual the rendezvous. Sister Browne, S.J.T., undertook the arrangements on behalf of the Maberly, and Bro. J. Browne, P.W.D.C., on behalf of the Bedford. The muster numbered 65 juveniles and 24 adults. The day was fine and the occasion thoroughly enjoyable. Races, football, cricket, fern hunting, &c., were amongst the amusements, under the M.C.-ship of Bro. T. Harvey. A capital tea was supplied, and after a plentitude of enjoyments the party returned home, thoroughly pleased with the outing.

DISTRICT JUVENILE COUNCILS.

S.E. LANCASHIRE.—Special Session held at Withington-street Temperance Hall, Pendleton, on Saturday, May 29. Bro. John Handley, V.S.J.T., D.T., &c., was voted to the chair. The Credential Committee reported 40 full voting members present from 12 Temples, and many visitors, including Bro. Crossley, D.S.J.T. (E. and M. Cheshire), H. J. Jones, P.W.D.Co., J. H. Musk, B.E.S., and J. S. Gavin, P.D.E.D. The D.C.Sec. (Bro. D. Gavin) read the notice convening the meeting, which stated that the principal business was recommendation of a D.S.J.T. and nominations being asked for, Bro. F. D. Sherratt, V.S.J.T., moved and Bro. J. H. Parker, A.S.J.T., seconded Bro. David Gavin, and he was unanimously elected, and afterwards as D.C.S. This caused a vacancy in the office of D.C.Sec., and on the motion of Bro. E. Bambridge, seconded by Bro. Parker, Bro. F. D. Sherratt was unanimously elected. Notice of motion to amend bye-laws, so as to allow all adult members becoming members of District Council, with limited voting power, so as also one to add to list of officers a D.C.Counsellor, and to provide for cards of membership, were carried. This necessitated the election of a Counsellor, and Bro. E. C. Bambridge was unanimously chosen, Bro. W. Foden, S.J.T., being elected P.D.C.It. Bro. Crossley, D.S.J.T. (E. and M. Cheshire), on the invitation of the presiding officer, took the chair, and after giving an interesting and encouraging address, installed the newly-chosen officers. On Bro. Gavin assuming the chair, he was very heartily greeted. Bro. J. S. Gavin then moved, and Bro. J. C. Stokoe, seconded a motion authorising the Executive to present a petition to the House of Commons in favour of Mr. Conybeare's Bill for prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to children, and recommendation that the age be raised to 16. Bros. J. H. Musk and H. J. Jones spoke in favour of the motion, which was unanimously carried.

SOUTH DEVON.—The quarterly meeting was held in the "Truth and Grace" Lodge-room, Martin-street, Plymouth, on May 18. Bro. Osmond, D.S.J.T., presided, and most of the officers were present. The Credential Committee reported six S.J.T.'s, four A.S.J.T.'s, two V.S.J.T.'s, and three representative present. The report of D.S.J.T. was a very encouraging one, shewing an increase of over 150 members on the quarter, although one Temple which had reported 90 members last quarter had ceased to work, the number of juveniles in the District being 730 by the returns, with 76 honorary members. A long conversation followed the reading of the report, after which three brothers were appointed as a committee to visit the Lodge to which the Temple that had ceased to work was affiliated in order if possible to get the former S.J.T. to restart the Temple, or failing that to ask the Lodge to recommend some other member as S.J.T. It was also decided that all Past Supts. holding rituals and charters of Temples not working be asked to return the same to the D.S.J.T. The report of D.S.J.T. was then adopted. The reports of the S.J.T.'s were also fairly satisfactory, for while one or two of the Supts. seemed to complain of the apparent lack of interest and sympathy and help of the membership generally, most were inclined to speak hopefully of the success of the work in which they were engaged.

SUB-DISTRICTS, CONVENTIONS, &c.

MIDDLESEX.—A meeting of Lodge Deputies and representatives of No. 13 Sub-District was held on June 21, in the London Trinity Lodge-room, Bro. F. W. Davies, V.D., presiding, when four out of the five Lodges comprising the Sub-District were represented. It was resolved to form a Sub-District committee for aggressive work, &c., and to ask the Lodges to appoint two Reps., who, with the L.D.'s, shall comprise the said committee, The G.L. bye-laws relating to character dress, &c., were discussed and it was decided to get the opinion of the several Lodges before taking any action.

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June 26th. Independent Order of Good Templars. A united conference will be held in Colliers Rents' Hall, Long-lane, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, June 26, at 6.30 p.m., in furtherance of Juvenile Templary in the Metropolitan Districts. A paper will be read by Bro. F. W. Lewis, W.D. Chap., P.D.S.J.T., on "The Work before Us." Bro. J. J. Edwards, D.S.J.T. will preside; discussion open to all; all members of the Order cordially invited; admission by Sub-Lodge password.

July 1. Greenham Lodge. United Service Night. All members wearing Her Majesty's uniform. Soldiers, sailors, policemen, postmen, volunteers, etc., cordially invited.

Notice of Removal. Progress Lodge, 51. has removed to the Westminster Temperance Hall, Regency-street, Westminster. Monday, 8 p.m.

ALL PERSONS interested in the Temperance movement are requested to write to the General Secretary, United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, 4, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C., for particulars of the GREAT NATIONAL TEMPERANCE FETE to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, July 13th.

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BRITISH AND COLONIAL

TEMPERANCE CONGRESS.

JULY, 1886.

President.

The Right Hon. and Right Rev. FREDK. TEMPLE, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

The Executive Committee of the National Temperance League are making arrangements for a National and Colonial Temperance Congress in London, which will be held in the PRINCES' HALL, PICCADILLY, on JULY 14, 15 and 16.

The object of the Congress is to receive information through written papers and oral communications, regarding (1) the extent of drinking habits in the Colonies and dependencies of the British Empire; (2) the regulations in force in these localities for restricting or prohibiting the drink traffic; and (3) the results of efforts put forth by Temperance Organisations, Churches, Sunday-schools, Educational Boards, and other public bodies for the promotion of Total Abstinence from Intoxicating Liquors.

PROGRAMME.

MONDAY, 12 July, 7.30 p.m.—SPECIAL SERVICE in WESTMINSTER ABBEY. Sermon by the LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

TUESDAY, 13 July, 2 p.m.—RECEPTION TO COLONIAL DELEGATES at the CRYSTAL PALACE. Chairman: Dr. B. W. RICHARDSON, F.R.S. *Special Tickets required, 3s. 6d. each,*

WEDNESDAY, 14 July, 10.30 a.m.—First sitting of the Congress. The PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS.

WEDNESDAY, 14 July, 2 p.m.—Second Sitting. Chairman: HUGH M. MATHESON, Esq.

THURSDAY, 15 July, 10.30 a.m.—Third Sitting. Chairman: His Eminence Cardinal-Archbishop MANNING.

THURSDAY, 15 July, 2 p.m.—Fourth Sitting. Chairman. Sir LLEWELYN TURNER, High Sheriff of Carnarvon.

FRIDAY, 16 July, 10.30 a.m.—Fifth Sitting. Chairman: The Ven. Archdeacon FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S.

FRIDAY, 16 July, 2 p.m.—Closing Sitting. Chairman: The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

A fuller programme will be issued early in July.

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GOOD TEMPLARS' WATCHWORD.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1886.

WHEN the division was taken on the proposal to exempt public-houses from the operation of the Shop Hours Regulation Bill, the Marquis of Salisbury and several other peers retired and did not vote.

BRO. J. J. WOODS' statistics on the Parliamentary voting on the question of the Sunday closing of public-houses, during the Session of 1885-6, published in another column, will prove of value at the present juncture.

BRO. N. T. COLLINS, G.W.V.T. of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, may be expected shortly to arrive in England. Bro. Collins will represent his Grand Lodge at the British and Colonial Congress next month, and at the session of R.W.G.L. of the World.

WORKERS willing to canvass or to distribute literature from house to house in North Paddington, are invited to call at, or write to, the Central Committee-room, 57, Porchester-road, W. (near Royal Oak Railway Station), and to state what time they can give to the work.

BRO. KEMPSTER, G.E.S., is announced to preside over a large representative meeting of Electoral Superintendents and others, convened by Bro. Jones, D.E.S., Middlesex, at the Foresters' Hall, Clerkenwell-road, on Wednesday, the 30th inst. Business of an important nature will be discussed, and a large attendance is anticipated.

THE TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND "SHILLING SHOTS" appealed for by Miss Weston—the "sailors' friend"—with which to buy up two public-houses and extend the premises of the Sailors' Rest at Devonport, have, we understand, all been received—at least, enough has been subscribed to purchase the places and something to spare.

BRO. F. W. LEWIS, P.D.S.J.T., is to read a paper in the interests of Juvenile Templary, entitled "The Work before us," at a specially convened conference to be held at the Colliers Rents' Hall, Long-lane, Borough, on Saturday, the 26th inst., when Bro. J. J. Edwards, D.S.J.T., will preside. All members of the Order in possession of the current password are invited to take part in the discussion.

WEST OF ENGLAND MEETINGS.—During the week commencing Monday, June 28, a number of meetings will be held by G.L. officials *en route* to and from the special session of G. Lodge at Penzance. On Monday the G.W.C.T. and G.W.M. attend a meeting at Torquay, and another is to be held there on the Tuesday, when the G.W.V.T. also attends. On Wednesday the G.W.C.T., G.W.V.T., and G.W.Tr. attend a meeting at Plymouth, and a second meeting may be held there on the next day, addressed by the G.W. Treasurer, &c. On Thursday also the G.W.C.T. speaks at Liskeard; and on the same night the G.W.V.T. and G.W.T. speak at Redruth. On Friday the G.L. holds its session at Penzance, when the G.W.Sec. and above officers will attend. On Saturday there may be other meetings in Penzance, and the G.W.C.T. and G.W.T. will speak at Porthleven. On the next Monday the two latter officers will attend the East Cornwall D.L. at Calstock, on the return journey.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS, we are glad to learn

from the *Temperance Record*, is being made with the needful arrangements for the forthcoming British and Colonial Temperance Congress to be held at Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, on July 14, 15, and 16. Papers are promised, and delegates have been appointed from India, Ceylon, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Malta, and Gibraltar; and the area of interest is being widened by the arrival of each mail. Many influential Temperance workers in this country have cordially agreed to co-operate in offering a cordial welcome to the colonial friends who may be present at the Congress, and numerous British organisations have already officially intimated their adhesion and their intention to be represented by delegates. The programme of the three days' proceedings is advertised in this issue, and any further information may be had of Mr. R. Rae, National Temperance League, 337, Strand, W.C. The attractive list of notabilities who are to attend will doubtless draw large attendances. Our own Grand Lodge will be represented by the G.W.C.T., G.E.S., and G.W.S.

BRO. THE REV. JOHN KIRK, D.D., who has been one of the most prolific of theological authors, and in recent years the writer of invaluable papers on health which have achieved a world-wide fame, is now over 72 years of age, and his exhaustive labours can no longer be prosecuted with the energy which he has shewn for half a century. The *Alliance News* says of him:—"For nearly half a century he has laboured with untiring zeal and energy—often amid much opposition—for the advancement of the social moral, and religious well-being of the community. In Temperance work he has always been an enthusiastic advocate, both by voice and pen." He was one of the first G.W.Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and none but his associates in the early years of the Order there can understand the peculiar nature of his labours for us and the influence his learning and noble character gave us. His devotion to prohibitory principles has ever been unflinching — so much so that he has seemed almost to stand alone at times. For years he has been unable to use his voice much in public, but the splendid articles in the *Alliance News*, and other papers, signed "J. K." were from his pen. A committee is formed to present the worthy professor with a substantial testimonial, and we trust the appeal will be well responded to, and honour be thus done to one who has ever been true as steel. The treasurer to the committee is Mr. Daniel Osborne, Bank of Scotland, 13, Glassford-street, Glasgow.—J.M.

VOTE AS YOU PRAY.

My countrymen, hear me, in God's name awake,
There's work to be done, there are fetters to break;
Arm for the conflict, for victory's near,
If true to each other, and liberty dear.

The issue's before us; then strike for the right,
For God and the people, now work with your might;
Oh! rescue our nation, drink-ridden and low,
For inebriate bondsmen are sinking in woe.

The parties in power are false to their trust,
Their once lofty record is trailing the dust;
The swift wheels of progress are clogged in their flight,
The sunlight of truth is still darkened as night.

Fathers and mothers, O hear ye the cry,
Snatch from the burning those ready to die;
Your daughters are wailing, your boys may be slain,
Come, vote as you pray, lest you labour in vain.

Our cause is advancing from mountain and plain,
The glad song of freedom is ringing again;
Our army is marching; then onward ye brave,
And vote as you pray, our dear country to save.

MISSION REVIVAL WORK.

WOKINGHAM.—On June 17 the members of the Caledonian Lodge, Reading, visited the Wokingham Excelsior Lodge, which has been for some time in a very low state. A public meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Rev. — Hughes, curate of Wokingham. Sister Hiscock, and Bros. Lee, James, Spencer, W.C.T., and Robineon, P.D.E.D., took part in the proceedings. A hope is entertained that the chairman will become a member of the Order, and it is expected that several others will join as a result of the meeting. There was a fair attendance of visitors from Reading; also of the general public.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

At this moment, in every constituency, the Temperance party ought to be promptly and vigorously active. If Irish Home Rule must be voted upon, a more momentous question even than that need not be, and must not be, forgotten. Two birds have been killed with one stone before now; and two questions may, even now, be aimed at and hit with one vote, even by those who refuse to aim only at that which is really most important. Especially, just now, in the first place, in the matter of the choice of candidates, may there be a good and useful vote given by every true patriot. "We must have a Gladstonian Home Rule candidate," it is said. Or "we must have the reverse." Very well, we answer, have him by all means, if you must have him. Get your candidate, as satisfactory a one as you can catch, on the Home Rule question, if that is really your determination. But what hinders that you insist on his being such a man as will at the same time be satisfactory on the still more important question of Temperance legislation? Nothing hinders, or if it does, at least nothing ought to hinder. If your political friends, the wirepullers of your caucus or of your committee of selection, are about to foist on you some brewer, some brewer's friend, or some liquor-traffic partisan, do not, we beg of you, let them foist him upon you. If you are at all numerous and unanimous, or if you are loud though few, they will listen to your representations; even a few votes will be deemed important just now. They will look round for some candidate who will meet your expectation, and so enable you afterwards to enjoy the double delight of giving at the poll a vote agreeable at once to your conscience and to your political party.

Undoubtedly, two birds with one stone may be so dealt with even by those who think the Home Rule bird very important. And why not? If we were to say—Do not mind the Home Rule question; let Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Hartington, and Lord Salisbury go their several ways, and do you concentrate your attention on the really most important question of the times, the deliverance of your country from its bitterest, deadliest curse—if we so said, we suppose we should by many be thought to be unreasonable. Thus far, we have only asked that in the selection of candidates, not at the polls, but in view of them, the vote of the Temperance party shall be heard, if not "above the rest," at any rate loudly and with determination amongst the rest. In a little while it will be too late to attempt this if it be neglected now. The candidates will have been fixed upon, and the unhappiness either of not voting, or else of having to vote for a Home Rule brewer, on the one hand, or for a Unionist distiller on the other, will, perhaps, be all that will be left to you. There is really no need that the Temperance vote should be thus degraded and debased. At the last General Election a great and notable advance was won; the Temperance vote was signally effective and successful. We must not go back upon this now. It will never do to let the liquor traffic again creep into power in the House of Commons, because so many people's eyes are fixed solely upon Home Rule or upon Anti-Home Rule. If we are resolved to keep one eye open to the Home Rule question, let us reserve at least all the other eye for the still more momentous Home Rescue and Country Salvation question, and so, with both eyes well occupied, defy the Liquor Traffic's efforts to creep once more into power.

So much we have ventured to say to those of our friends whose minds the Irish question just now holds with a strong grip. There are many, we are assured, with whom it is not so; they see clearly the immensely superior importance of social amelioration, and do not entangle their thoughts in matters akin to party politics. To these we need address just now no special word. They, we know, will not allow themselves to be diverted from their one great purpose—their all-absorbing duty. When the election comes, they will vote straight for the right sort of Temperance legislation, though the political heavens fall. And meanwhile they will not be inclined to neglect making their existence known and felt somehow even to the political parties. They will let it be understood that, whatever else the politicians do, they must give up all hope of their vote unless for candidates that can give satisfactory assurances in view of Temperance legislation. The more fully and clearly this is understood, the more certain will it be that our Direct Veto "stalwarts" will find candidates presented to them for whom it will be at once a duty and a pleasure to vote.—*Alliance News.*

NORTH PADDINGTON ELECTION.

Bro. Kempster earnestly asks that any friends who know electors resident in North Paddington will write or see them soliciting their votes in the coming contest. The following is a list of the principal streets, roads, &c., in the Borough:—Amberley - mews, Amberley - road, Amberley-wharves, Andover-place, Ashmore-road, Barnsdale-road, Barnsdale-yard, Blomfield-road, Braden-street, Bravington-road, Bristol-gardens, Bristol-mews, Canterbury - mews, Canterbury - terrace, Carlton-mews, Carlton-road, Castellian-road, Chippenham-mews, Chippenham-road, Chippenham-terrace, Clarendon-gardens, Clarendon-terrace, Clifton-gardens, Clifton-road, Clifton-road North, Clifton-terrace, Clifton-villas, Coomassie-road, Edbrooke-road, Elgin-mews North, Elgin-mews South, Elgin-road, Elgin-road West, Elgin-terrace, Elnatham-mews, Errington-road, Falconer-mews, Fernhead-road, Fordingly-road, Formosa-street, Foscote-mews, Frankfort-mews, Frankfort-terrace, Goldney-road, Grittleton-road, High-road Kilburn, Kennett-road, Kilburn Park-road, Lanark-mews, Lanark-place, Lanark-villas, Lanhill-road, Lauderdale-road, Lydford-road, Maida-vale, Marylands-road, Neeld-road, Neeld-terrace, Netley-street, Oakington-road, Offenham-terrace, Pindock-mews, Portnall-road, Portsdown-mews, Portsdown-place, Portsdown-road, Portsdown-road North, Randolph-crescent, Randolph-gardens, Randolph-mews, Randolph-road, Rodborough-mews, Rudolf-mews, Rundell-road, St. Luke's-terrace, Saltram-crescent, Sevington-street, Shirland-mews, Shirland-road, Stranraer-place, Surrendale-place, Sutherland-avenue, Sutherland-gardens, Tamplin-mews, Thorngate-road, Walterton-road, Warlock-road, Warrington-crescent, Warrington - gardens, Warwick - mews, Warwick-place, Warwick-road, Woodfield-crescent, Adpar-street, Albert-street, Arthur-mews, Bloomfield-crescent, Bloomfield-mews, Bloomfield-street, Bloomfield-terrace, Bishop's-mews, Bishop's-road, Braithwaite-place, Bridge-place, Bridge-terrace, Burry-terrace, Cambridge-place, Campbell-street, Charles-mews, Chichester-mews, Chichester-place, Chichester-road, Chichester-street, Chilworth-street, Church-place, Church-street, Cirencester-mews, Cirencester-place, Cirencester-street, Clarendon-street, Cottage-road, Craven-road, Crompton-street, Cromwell-terrace, Cuthbert-street, Darlington-terrace, Delamere-crescent, Delamere-mews, Delamere-street, Delamere-terrace, Desboro'-place, Dudley-grove, Dudley-place, Dudley-street, Eastbourne-mews, Eastbourne-terrace, Edgware-place, Edgware - road, Emily - street, Francis - street, Fulham-place, Green-street, Hall-place, Hall-place West, Harrow - road, Hasborough-street, Hermitage - street, Hethpool - street, Howell-street, Howley-place, Irongate Wharf-road, James - street, Kent's - place, London-street, Maida-hill West, Manor-place, Margaret-terrace, Newcastle-mews, North Wharf-road, Oliver-mews, Oliver-terrace, Paddington-green, Park-park-gardens, Park Place-villas, Philip-terrace, Porteus-road, Praed-street, Ranelagh-mews, Ranelagh-road, Romilly-terrace, St. Alban's-mews, St. James's-terrace, St. Mary's-square, St. Mary's-terrace, Senior-street, Sheldon-street, South Wharf-road, Stalham-street, Stanley - mews, Stanley-street, Union-place, Upper Westbourne-terrace, Victoria-street, Warwick-crescent, Warwick-road, Wellings-place, Wellington - terrace, Westbourne Park-crescent, Westbourne Park Crescent-mews, Westbourne Park-terrace, Westbourne - square, Westbourne-terrace, Westbourne-terrace North, Westbourne Terrace-road, Westbourne-terrace, Upper Westbury-road, Westbury-terrace, Wharves, North Side, Wharves, South Side, Woodchester-street.

FOREIGN SAILING.

BRO. E. C. PARSONS, of City of St. Albans Lodge, sails for Queensland in the s.s. Quetta, from London, on June 28, and would be glad to know of any members going by the same vessel. Address, care of Mr. Lorrington, Joshua-place, Victoria-road, St. Albans.

BRO. TIM TEASDALE, of General Havelock Lodge, sails for Sydney, New South Wales, in the ss. Ileria, from London on July 7, and would be glad to know of any members going by the same vessel. —Address, 44, Hudleston-street, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

The G.W.C.T.'s Note Book.

The great choral concert by 5,000 abstsiners at the Crystal Palace Fête, July 13, will be conducted by Bro. W. Harding Bonner.

Our District Deputy for Mid-Somerset, Bro. W. S. Clark, of Street, has been made a justice of the peace. He is son-in-law to Mr. John Bright.

Watchword of May 31 contained reports of five District Lodge Sessions, and in every case a substantial increase in the adult and juvenile branches was recorded.

If our Worthy Young Brother Oliver, of South Durham, proves as devoted to the wife he has just taken, as he has been to the Order during many years past, he will be one of the best husbands in the world. May his good wife help him to still be good to us.

Bro. Rev. George Gladstone, P.R.W.G.T., is to represent the Scottish Temperance League at the annual meeting of the British Temperance League at Burnley, June 29 and 30. Bro. John Edwards, G.W.Co., and Sister Mrs. Eccles, P.W.D.V.T., is to represent our G.L. there.

The Sunday Closing Association has made our esteemed Bro. Ormao, H.D., Derby, its new travelling secretary for the Midlands and neighbouring counties. Their London secretary, Mr. Conway Sidstone, has just sought enrolment at Brockley, Kent (in John Bowen Lodge), and has been heartily received.

The Indian and Colonial Exhibition contains, in the New Zealand department, an excellent life-size portrait of Bro. King Tawahio and that of other notable Maoris. In the Trinidad section our Bro. Capt. Collins, District Deputy G.W.C.T. of Trinidad, exhibits some of his own pen-and ink sketches of Creole life, and a large yam which he has grown, and which weighs 20lb.

Bro. Bishton, V.D., is specially commissioned to visit and welcome soldier brethren on arriving at Portsmouth Docks. During the past quarter he has visited vessels and ports 20 times and welcomed 88 soldier brethren and one sister, beside meeting 31 naval brethren aboard ships. His address is printed under the G.L. seal in another column, and he will be glad of notice of any home-coming brethren.

The Proceedings of the National Temperance and Drink Trade Conference, organised by the Social Science Association, is now out in the shape of a cheap 2s. 6d. volume, published by Mr. J. C. Smith, 1, Adam-street, Adelphi. All the papers, *pro* and *con.* are published in full; the debates are reported, and useful matter added in the appendix. My paper against Compensation is of inordinate length as compared with the others.

Bro. Rev. Dawson Burns, D.D., has made a handsome present to the Temperance Reference Library being established at G.L. Offices. He has given 23 volumes, including: *Temperance Intelligencer*, 1836-1840; Burne's *Teetotalers' Companion*, with coloured plates; *Abstainers' Standard*, Vols. I. and II.; the journal of the *New British and Foreign Temperance Society*, 1839-1841; Report of *World's Temperance Convention*, 1846; "*Bacchus*," and *Anti-Bacchus*"; with a number of modern standard volumes of recent date.

The Following Appeal to Publicans was awhile ago circulated at Cambridge in printed form:—"It is earnestly requested that all Christian publicans should set apart a day for earnest prayer to God that He would help them out of their evil traffic, and shew them a way of getting an honest living by means which would be a blessing to all people. And that all who profess and call themselves Christians should make special prayer to Almighty God that He would so influence the hearts of all legislators, mayors, and magistrates (especially the mayor and magistrates of Cambridge) that they may see the immorality of licensing or attempting to control the evil drink traffic and may refuse any longer to be participators in the vile system of licensing a source of greater evils than war, pestilence, and famine."

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Question: Can the Supt. of a Juvenile Temple wear the letters "S.J.T." on a purple regalia.

Answer: No. They are worn on a scarlet regalia, the same as Sub-Lodge Officers.

Question: Can titles which do not appertain to the Order—such as "F.S.A.," "M.A.," etc., be worn on Good Templar Regalia?

Answer: No.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The bill brought in by Mr. Conybeare for preventing the sale of strong drink to children has been rendered of practically little use through the action of some professed friends of Temperance. As the bill now stands it is but little, if any improvement, on the present law, for I believe there exists upon the Statute-book at the present time an Act prohibiting the sale of drink to children for their own consumption. But the original object of Mr. Conybeare's bill was to prevent publicans supplying drink to children for any purpose whatever, and this is what the Good Templars and Temperance men throughout the land have been petitioning for during the past few months.

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This was also the "principle" accepted by the House of Commons when it passed the second reading. Since that occasion, however, the dissolution has come upon us, and many friends of the bill have had to hurry away to their constituencies to prepare for the coming election. The enemies of the bill were alive to this fact, and when the Committee stage was reached, they set to work, led by Sir R. Webster, and mutilated the measure to their heart's content.

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The action of the House will not be without its effect upon the Temperance vote at the polling booths in the coming contest. It is clear that some are not yet educated up to our standard and though ready to promise us, when they are canvassing for our votes, that they will support Temperance legislation, when in the House of Commons they "feel it their duty" to oppose every bill brought forward, because they say it interferes with individual liberty. Such half-hearted, slipshod, trickster legislators are not wanted at this period of the 19th century. We want men who will act up to their promises—men who when they say, Yes, do not mean No. We must wring from candidates definite promises on the Temperance question so that they will not be able to shield themselves behind some vague statement of "general support."

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I sincerely hope the electors of the Isle of Wight will have the courage to bring forward a candidate in opposition to Sir R. Webster. Some of the Temperance voters were led away by his "vagaries" last November, but they have now seen how far he will support their cause, and the sooner a more reliable man takes his place the better. The same remark applies to other places. If the Government of the future is to be "by the people and for the people," we must have clear issues before us at election times and upon no question is this more needful than upon the one we have nearest at heart, viz., the right of the people themselves to deal with the liquor traffic.

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With all my heart I wish our G. Electoral Superintendent success in the gallant fight he has undertaken at North Paddington. If the Good Templars and others of that division will only work unitedly and earnestly, it should not be too great a task to obtain a majority for Bro. Kempster. They do say he is one of those terrible Home Rulers. He may be, but we Templars know him to be a *true* Unionist, and that if returned to Parliament, he will do his best to promote unity and concord between all people, and set to work at once to break down the great drink monopoly, so electors of North Paddington hurry up and "Vote for Kempster the true friend of the working man!"

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Will all London readers please remember that Sunday, June 27, is "Hospital Sunday"? Many of our metropolitan hospitals are greatly in want of funds, and none more than our own Temperance hospital at Hampstead. The larger the general collection the greater will be the benefit coming to this excellent institution from the Mansion House Fund. But if any would like the whole of their contributions to go to the London Temperance Hospital, they cannot do better than send direct to the treasurer, J. Hughes, Esq., 3, West-street, Finsbury-circus, E.C. Those holding open air meetings on Sunday night also take up collections for the hospital, for we know that none of the money spent *there* goes for intoxicating drink.

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Canon Wilberforce's health has been so far restored as to allow him to again take up his residence at the Deanery, Southampton, and resume his ministerial duties. His illness has been a long and trying one; but it is to be hoped that having been brought safely through he may be spared for many years to advocate the claims of Christianity and Temperance.

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Many of us have had to make sacrifices and suffer persecution for our principles, but depend upon it, we never lose in the long run for what we do in the cause of truth and right. There are several cases on record of men giving up good positions in life, rather than do a dishonourable action. And we have also heard of men, on signing the Temperance pledge, destroying large quantities of wines and spirits sooner than give to others what they will not take themselves. When Bro. Booth was over here, a case analagous to the above occurred in the Midlands, and the late Mr. Gough, during his long life, had several converts who emptied the contents of their wine cellars down the drains. A similar case occurred in London on Saturday, June 19, when Mr. William Green, of Highgate, destroyed over 2,500 bottles of wine (valued at £600), in the presence of, and assisted by, several members of the Highgate Gospel Temperance Help One Another Society.

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In a speech explaining his reasons for this action, he said that after mature reflection and earnest prayer, he had come to the conclusion that it was God's will that he should part with the contents of his wine cellar. Three methods were pressed upon him from time to time. One was to sell the wine to the trade, knowing that they would sell wine whether his or not; the second was to give it away and give the money to some charity; and the third was to give it, as it was, to the hospitals. In pursuing the first course he would be participating in the sale of an article which had been proved to militate against the physical, social, and spiritual advancement of society. The same reasons were equally applicable to the second course, and beyond them there was in addition the inconsistency of causing injury to others in order to benefit someone else. The third course was met by the success of the London Temperance Hospital, where it had been proved that alcohol was not necessary in the treatment of any disease. After this address the contents of the bottles were poured into the sewer.

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Last Saturday afternoon (June 19) several members of the East and Mid Surrey D.L. Good of the Order Committee paid a visit to Lambeth Palace by the kind permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury. A most enjoyable time was spent in the library, which contains many historical relics of great value. The picture gallery and chapel were also visited, as well as the "Lollard's Chamber." On leaving the palace the members adjourned to the Mission Hall, Ann-street, where after tea, the annual meeting was held.

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The other evening the Marchioness of Lorne (Princess Louise) presided at a meeting held in one of the Courts of the Colonial Exhibition, the object of which was to take farewell of a party of total abstainers who have since set sail for South Africa, where they intend establishing a Temperance colony in Kaffraria, to be called Wolseley Township. The emigrant party is made up of 21 families, or 91 persons. I am sure we all wish them God-speed.

Free Lance.

Thorneloe Memorial Fund.—At a meeting of the committee held recently, Bro. C. Pinhorn, hon. sec., detailed the position of the fund, the figures shewing that £10 was still needed to close the account. Bro. Pinhorn reported that he had received the following letter from Mr. G. J. Thornelo:—48, Barbican, London, E.C., May 4, 1886. Dear Mr. Pinhorn,—Whilst I had Mr. Mildon's kind assurance on Good Friday that he would convey the family's sincere thanks to you and the committee, I feel independently of that that I must and ought to write expressing the thanks to you, and the committee, together with the kind friends who have subscribed towards the monument erected so beautifully on the grave of our dear father, which is most pleasing to know, and which also shews how he was valued whilst among us, by the kind friends connected with the memorial. I am sorry you were prevented from being present, so that I could have thanked you personally. Accept of the family's most united thanks, and please convey same to dear friends, and oblige.—With kindest regards, I remain, yours faithfully, Geo. J. Thornelo.

Sir R. E. Webster and Mr. Conybeare's Bill.—At the last political contest a great Temperance Reformer (Sir R. E. Webster) lighted on the Isle of Wight and surprised all the world with the manner in which he advocated the Temperance cause. But if we look at the debate on Mr. Conybeare's Bill (which took place in Mr. Conybeare's enforced absence last Wednesday night), we shall see that the same Sir R. E. Webster moved the amendment to Mr. Conybeare's Bill, which made the grandest Temperance Bill ever introduced into the House of Commons not worth the paper it is written on. Sir R. E. Webster's constituents should ask him why his actions on the Temperance question do not correspond with his addresses last November. We, as Good Templars, should tell the candidates for Parliamentary honours that we want men who would be no party to mere pieces of sham legislation, and that we will do our utmost to return only those members who have advocated, and those who will advocate, the Temperance cause in the House of Commons.—ELECTORAL SUPERINTENDENT, Help and Refuge, Redruth.

National Deaf and Dumb Teetotal Society.—My attention has been called to your report of a meeting of what is announced as the "Deaf and Dumb Temperance Army" held in South London on the 15th inst. I beg to remind your numerous readers that the society which I represent, namely the "National Deaf and Dumb Teetotal Society," has been established since 1877, but re-organised in 1879; has for its objects the same as those taken up by the "Army," and its scope of work embraces the whole of Great Britain in such places as desire to be connected with us. We therefore claim the prior right to establish branches wherever there are a sufficient number of deaf and dumb. I would also call your attention to the list of our patrons, all of whom are well known. Perhaps you yourself may remember personally addressing the *first* annual tea meeting of our society on January 4, 1881, in the Pilgrim Fathers' Memorial Hall, New Kent-road, S.E., when Thomas Cash, Esq., presided. S. Bright Lucas, Esq., was then our president. We should be glad if you could find space for this note, and oblige, yours very faithfully, H. G. G. AYSHFORD, Secretary, 158, Hanley-road, Stroud Green, N.

"IT HOLDS THE FIELD."

BY BRO. GILBERT ARCHER, G.W.C.T.

There is room for difference of opinion as to the political accuracy and significance of these now historical words, but there ought to be no hesitancy in accepting them as the statement of a simple fact when applied to the Good Templar Order. It is true of it, whether we have regard to the thoroughness and effectiveness of the more organisation, to the number and quality of its members, or to the zeal, heartiness, and liberality with which they labour to advance the Temperance reform. Good Templars, says one, are not fanatics but philanthropists. Their principles are based upon the soundest logic, and the surest reason; and so grand is the application of these principles that none but the woefully ignorant or blindly prejudiced would seek to retard their progress. With a sphere of operations unconfined by creed, or race, or clime, it aims to redeem the world from the blighting curse of alcohol; and this mission it has prosecuted with so much aggressive fervour as to justify the assertion that amongst strictly Temperance organisations the world round, the Independent Order of Good Templars "holds the field." Corroborations of this truth abounds. It was illustrated and emphasised at the latest sessions of the International Court held in Nova Scotia and in Sweden, and still later at the 17th annual session of the Grand Lodge of England, from which I have just returned. Within the latter jurisdiction the Order works alongside of and in harmony with many older and richer Temperance associations, but in force of individuality, in a pronounced and vigorously sustained policy, and in an undaunted attitude to the entire drink system "it holds the field." And may not a similar claim be advanced and maintained on behalf of the Order in Scotland? Since its organisation has it not successfully combined thousands of earnest men and women in a systematic attempt to reclaim the victims of intemperance, to save the young from ever becoming so, and in an unflinching crusade against a mighty confederation of evil? By an increasing, uncompromising, and organised agitation the Order has done much to awaken in the public mind a keener and fuller apprehension of the manifold evils of intemperance, and a deeper sense of responsibility in relation to it. The Order has been indeed a mighty factor in the Temperance revival of these recent years, and a prime agent in the work of indoctrinating our social, national, and religious life with the principles of true Temperance. From a platform simple but comprehensive it has borne its banner in the face of the nation, and persistently uttered its voice in the hearing of the people from John O'Groats to Maldenkirk. This and much more it has accomplished, at the same time imparting of its strength and life to the formation and promotion of other forms of Temperance effort, by transferring from its ranks very many who, though not owning its allegiance, are yet the best trained and most active workers in other sections of the Temperance army. In short, the evidence in support of our claim has been so abundant and convincing as to call forth not a few warm eulogies from many outside the Order itself. Since the day the Rev. Professor Charteris declared in the Assembly of the Church of Scotland that "next to the preaching of the Gospel, the Good Templar movement has done more for the reclamation of the lapsed masses than any other agency," a host of sympathetic witnesses have expressed approval and admiration of the work of the Order; while they who know it best, love it and commend it most. Principal Cairns has expressed thankfulness "that he had been so long outside the drink system, and that more recently in becoming a Good Templar he had gone as far as possible against it, bearing the strongest protest that is offered in any organisation." The Rev. Dr. F. Ferguson, Glasgow, calls it a noble Order, and tells its adherents to "be assured that the approving smile of Christ rests on Good Templarism, and that as He has blessed it hitherto He will bless it in years to come." The Rev. John Duncan, Aberdeen, emphatically declares that "the Good Templar Order, through its various forms, to my mind, approaches the very perfection of human ingenuity for the rescuing of men who have yielded to the power of drink." I have no space to quote similar honourable testimonies from other honoured witnesses. Brethren, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, with a record of triumphs behind us, a mighty moral and political force within us, and a hopeful future in front of us, what manner of men ought we to be? Great are our responsibilities. Others are watching us, and we have pledged ourselves to work for the Order, and advance "its interests." "There are hundreds of neighbourhoods where a Lodge of Good Templars would not only meet a want felt by the Temperance sentiment, but would also meet a social need of that locality. The principles of our Order, its excellent and economical system, its beautiful and religious services, the union of male and female on terms of equality, its adaptation to Temperance work, its example and education to the young, its protecting, sympathising, and elevating influence, thrown around the poor victim of the drink, commend it to many communities who need just such a place, and just such influences." With a due sense of the importance and dignity of our work, with a still firmer grasp of our principles, and an unabated love for our Order, let us so determine and so act as that as it has been in the past so it shall continue to be in the time coming our pride and boast that the Independent Order of Good Templars shall "hold the field."—*The Good Templar.*

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HOUSE OF LORDS.

JUNE 22.—THE SHOP HOURS' BILL.

On the House going into Committee on this bill,

The Earl of LIMERICK moved an amendment to Clause 8, to the effect that young persons engaged in refreshment and licensed houses should be exempt from the provisions of the bill. He had been informed that if his amendment were not accepted it would be impossible to work the large hotels and refreshment houses.

The Bishop of TRURO hoped the House would retain within the provisions of the bill young persons in public-houses.

Their lordships then divided:—

For the amendment	5
Against	20
Majority	15

The clause, therefore, remained unaltered.

Lord SUDELEY, in reply to Lord Halsbury, said the clause would apply to persons under 18 employed in refreshment-rooms at railway stations.

The bill then passed through Committee.

JUNE 22.—SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS TO CHILDREN.

Lord FITZGERALD, in moving the second reading of the Intoxicating Liquors (Sale to Children) Bill, explained that the object of the measure was to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to children under 13 years of age for their own consumption.

In the course of some conversation,

The Marquis of SALISBURY said that, although the measure was an extraordinary one, it was not worthy of serious opposition, because he did not suppose that anyone would pay any attention to it, if it were passed. He remembered that when he was a boy he used to row up to Surley and when there partake of a glass of cider, but under the present extraordinary legislation that would bring him within the law. (Laughter.)

The bill was read a second time.

JUNE 23.

The House went into committee on this bill.

The Earl of MILLTOWN, on Clause 1, moved an amendment to omit the words "sell or supply, and substitute the word "sell."

The Marquis of SALISBURY, while thinking that such a measure would not increase admiration for their legislation, said the amendment of the noble earl would help to remove objections to the bill.

The Bishop of PETERBOROUGH was of the opinion that the bill went too far. It entered that ever-widening region of paternal legislation that of enforcing morality by means of legal penalties. He believed the circumstances were much rarer than people supposed in which the State might safely interfere in enforcing morality, and he much feared that reaction would follow such efforts. Many of the evils of modern times had arisen from one of two causes—either the State trying too much to do the work of the Church, or the Church attempting to do the work of the State. He believed that in this measure they were getting into the direction of the State doing too much of the work of the Church. He did not believe that this legislation would ultimately be in the interests of Temperance.

Lord ABERDARE pointed out that the principle had been well laid down that Parliament felt it a duty to interfere in the sale of intoxicants. It could not be denied that in towns there was a danger of young children going into public-houses.

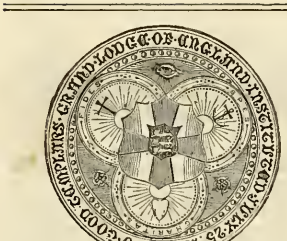
Viscount CRANBROOK said the clause was so vague that the owner of a public-house had no means of knowing whether the child entered the house to purchase liquor for its own consumption or otherwise.

The LORD CHANCELLOR considered that the bill would only apply to cases where children consumed the liquor on the premises. He did not oppose the amendment.

The Duke of ARGYLL thought that the bill as it stood would be of very little use.

The amendment was then agreed to.

After one or two verbal amendments had been agreed to, the Bill passed through committee. The standing orders were then dispensed with, and the bill, as amended, was considered and read a third time.



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G.S.J.T.—JOSEPH WALSHAW, Crown-street Chambers, Halifax.

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.—JOHN WRATHALL, 54, Cheltenham-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

GOOD TEMPLAR AND TEMPERANCE ORPHANAGE.

Hon. Sec.—S. R. ROLFE, 45, Paulet-rd., Camberwell, S.E.

NAVAL DISTRICT.

D.C.T.—JAMES RAE, 2, Zinzan-street, Oxford-road, Reading.

D.S.J.T. — WILLIAM ANDREWS, 50, Anglesea-road, Woolwich.

W.D.S.—WILLIAM DAVEY, 34, Skinner-street, New Brompton, Kent.

MILITARY DISTRICT.

D.C.T.—QUARTER-MASTER SERGEANT, O. G. L. JONES, Adjutant-General's Office, Colchester.

D.S.J.T.—SISTER E. K. GABB, Bazaar Coffee House, Farnborough-road, Farnborough.

W.D.Sec.—E. R. SMITH, 19, Hearn-street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

HARBOUR SPECIAL VISITING DEPUTY.—Bro. A. Bishton 35, Abercrombie-street, Landport, Portsmouth.

G.W.C.T.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

COMING D.L. SESSIONS.

Date.	District.	Place.
June 26.—	Middlesex.....	South-place Chapel, Finsbury.
,, 30.—	Yorks, (Cleveland).....	Skelton.
July 5.—	Cornwall, E.	Gunnislake.

Corrections and additions must reach the G.W.C.T.'s office not later than Tuesday morning, or they cannot be inserted in the next issue of the WATCHWORD.

(Signed) JOSEPH MALINS, G.W.C.T.

G.W.SEC.'S OFFICIAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL SESSIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

PENZANCE, JULY 2. CRYSTAL PALACE, JULY 13.

A special session of the Grand Lodge of England will be held at Penzance, on Friday, July 2, 1886. A special session of the Grand Lodge will also be held in the Opera Theatre, Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, July 13, 1886, in connection with the National Temperance Fete, which is being conducted this year by the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE DEGREE.

(*a*) Past and Acting Deputies of the G.W.C.T. (*b*) Past and Acting Superintendents of Juvenile Templars. (*c*) All who have served in elective offices in Sub-Lodge or Degree Temple two terms. (*d*) All who have been Third Degree Members THREE years. Candidates must, however, be District Lodge members, unless they are ordinary Members of Foreign, Military, or Naval Lodges; or are Seamen or Soldiers; but in all cases they must be Third Degree Members. Only SUCH OF THESE WHO HAVE NOT FORFEITED THEIR DEGREES OR THEIR QUALIFYING TITLES, BY EXPULSION, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORDER, OR VIOLATION OF PLEDGE, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY ON THIS CREDENTIAL. Further particulars will be announced shortly.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRYSTAL PALACE SPECIAL SESSION.

The Credential Committee will sit in the Italian Court, from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m.; and the Degree will be conferred at 2.15 p.m prompt. Credentials may now be had from the G.W. Secretary on sending a stamped directed wrapper for same. Candidates for Grand Lodge Degree will be admitted at Italian Court door, south-eastern door, and centre door, and will occupy the ground floor. Members already in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree will not need Credentials, but can work their way to seats in the gallery by means of the unwritten work.

NORTHAMPTON, SOUTH.—The W.D. Sec., Bro. Blake, having resigned, Bro. F. Mutton, Derngate, Northampton, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Tax received from District Lodges during the week for the quarter ending April 31, is as follows:—

1886.	£	s.	d.
June 9, Nottingham	5	2	4
,, 9, Gloucester, W.	5	15	9
,, 10, Surrey, E. and M. (Bal.) ...	0	2	9
,, 11, Suffolk	3	3	0
,, 12, Salop	0	11	4
,, 15, Demerara...	0	7	8
,, 15, Essex	8	12	1
,, 15, Lancs., S.E.	13	6	6
,, 16, Berks	3	2	11
,, 16, Gloucester, E.	4	13	11
,, 17, Somerset, W.	1	10	7
,, 17, Yorks, Cleveland	4	19	7
,, 18, Sussex	8	11	0
	£59	18	10

Signed,

JOHN B. COLLINOS, (Hon.) G.W.Sec.

G.L. Offices, Birmingham.

WHAT WARNER'S SAFE CURE CURES AND WHY.

Congestion of the Kidneys, Back Ache, Inflammation of the Kidneys, Bladder, or Urinary Organs, Catarrh of the Bladder, Gravel Stone, Dropsy, Enlarged Prostate Gland, Impotency or General Debility, Bright's Disease.

WHY?—Because it is the only remedy known that has power to expel the uric acid and urea, of which there are some 500 grains secreted each day as the result of muscular action, and sufficient, if retained in the blood, to kill six men. It is the direct cause of all the above diseases, as well as of Heart Disease, Rheumatism, Apoplexy, Paralysis, Insanity and Death.

This great specific relieves the kidneys of too much blood, frees them from all irritants, restores them to healthy action by its certain and soothing power.

IT CURES ALSO Jaundice, Enlargement of the Liver, Abscess and Catarrh of the Bile Ducts, Biliousness, Headache, Furred Tongue, Sleeplessness, Languor, Debility, Constipation, Gall Stones, and every unpleasant symptom which results from liver complaint.

WHY?—Because it has a *specific and positive action* on the liver as well as on the kidneys, increasing the secretion and flow of bile, regulates its elaborating function, removes unhealthful formations, and, in a word, restores it to natural activity, without which health is an impossibility.

IT CURES ALSO Female Complaints, Leucorrhœa, Displacements, Enlargements, Ulcerations, Painful Menstruation, makes Pregnancy safe, prevents Convulsions and Child-Bed Fever, and aids nature by restoring functional activity.

WHY?—All these troubles, as is well known by every physician of education, *arise from congestion* and impaired kidney action, causing stagnation of the blood vessels and sinking down, and this is the beginning and the direct cause of all the ailments from which women suffer, and must as surely follow as night does the day.

WHY "WARNER'S SAFE CURE" is acknowledged by thousands of our best medical men to be *the only true blood purifier*, is because it acts upon scientific principles, striking at the very root of the disorder by its action on the kidneys and liver. *For, if these organs were kept in health all the morbid waste matter so deadly poisonous if retained in the body, is passed out.* On the contrary, if they are deranged, the acids are taken up by the blood, decomposing it and *carrying death* to the most remote part of the body.

WHY 93 per cent. of all diseases which afflict humanity arise from impaired kidneys is shown by medical authorities. WARNER'S SAFE CURE, by its *direct action*, positively restores them to health and full working capacity, *nature curing all the above diseases herself when the cause is removed*, and we guarantee that WARNER'S SAFE CURE is a positive preventive if taken in time.

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WE beg to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Bro. Raine's advertisement, which will be found in these pages.—[ADVT.]

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MIDDLESEX DISTRICT LODGE.

THE NEXT SESSION of this Lodge will be held at South-place Chapel, Finsbury, on Saturday, June 26, at 6 p.m. sharp.

J. H. RETALLACK-MOLONEY,
Worthy District Secretary,
The Limes, North Bow, E.

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Lodge Secretaries please note that we do not send receipts for payment of subscriptions: the appearance of the announcements for the period paid for being a sufficient acknowledgment.

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METROPOLITAN LODGES.

MONDAY.

Armoury. Norwood Schools, Semi-hall. 7.30.
City of London. 181, Aldersgate-street, City.
Gratitude. 1, Wells-buildings, Hampstead, N.W. 8.15.
Orange Branch. Cong. Schs., St. Martin-street, Leicester-square (entrance, Long's-court). 8.15.
Regina. British Schools, Kentish Town-road, N.W.
Shamrock. Phœnix Coffee Tav., 40 New Kent-rd., S.E. 8.15.
Vernon. 176, Fentonville-road, N.
Progress. Westminster Temperance Hall.

TUESDAY.

Albert. Mission Hall, Dickerson-st., Wilkin-st., Kentish Town.
Albert Bond of Brotherhood. 32, Resson-st., New Cross, S.E.
Gen. C. Gordon. Baptist Chapel, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. 8.15.
Hand of Friendship. Shoreditch Mis. Hall, Kingsland-rd. 8.15.
Jabez Burns. Lecture Hall, Church-st. Chapel, Edgware-rd., N.W.
Lambeth Pioneer. Lecture Hall, Chadwell-st. [94, S. Lambeth-rd.]
New Cross Excelsior. Working Men's Co. Ta., Church-st. Deptford
Stratford Excelsior. Temperance Hall, Martin-street, Stratford.
W. Tewley. Association Rooms, South-st., Wandsworth.

WEDNESDAY.

Benjamin Franklin. Percy Hall, 3, Percy-st., Tottenham Crt-rd.
Crown of Surrey. Welcome Hall, Weston-st., Upper Norwood.
Golden Stream, St. James's Mis. Hall, St. James's-rd., Bermondsey.
Good Shepherd. Ebenezer Ch. School-room, North End-road.
Harringay. Pizzey's Coffee Rooms, 7, Crouch End Hill.
Joseph Payne. Christ Church Sch., Charlton-st., Somers Town
Margaret McCarthy. Sydney Hall, Leadenhall-street, Chelsea.
New Clapham Excelsior. Washington Hall, near Wandsworth-road Station.
Prudential. The Hall, St. Anne's-rd., Brixton (or Kennington Gate).
The Mint. Colliers' Rent Hall, Long-lane, Southwark, S.E.

THURSDAY.

Citizen. Shoreditch Mission Hall, Kingsland-road. 8.15.
Crystal Palace. Prospect Hall, Anerley.
Freedom of London. Rev. Harvey Smith's Chapel Bethnal Green-road. 8.15.
General Gordon. Paradise-road School, Clapham-road.
Gresham. Coffee Tavern, Lunchbrough-park, Muswell-hill.
Heart's Content. 68, Neal-street, Long Acre. 8.15
Hope of Streatham. Iron School-room, Natal-road, Streatham.
James McCurrey. Rosebery Hall, Radnor-street, Chelsea.
London Olive Branch. Lecture Hall, Kingsgate-st., Holborn. 8.30
Palmerston. 42, Hartfield-road, Wimbledon.
Shaftesbury Park. Prim. Meth. School, Gravshott-road. 8.15.
Silver Street. Coffee Palace, Notting Hill Gate.
South Acton. Methodist Free Church, Bollo Bridge-road
Trinity. Prim. Meth. Chapel, Trinity-street, Borough.

FRIDAY.

British Queen. Mall Hall, Notting Hill Gate. 8.30.
Coverdale. Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Limehouse.
Finsbury Progress. 168, Blackstock-rd., Highbury Vale.
Grosvenor.—Central Hall, George-st., Sloane-sq., Chelsea.
John Bowes.—Alliance Hall, Creek-road, Deptford
Peckham. Albert Hall, Albert-road, Peckham. Juv. Tem. 6.30
Pride of Lyttleton. Boys' School, High-street, Shadwell.
South London. Bible Christian School-room, Waterloo-road.

SATURDAY.

Corner Stone. Temperance Hall, High-street, Poplar.
George Thorne. 32, New Cut, Blackfriars, S.E.
G. W. Johnson. Temp Hall, North-st., Kennington-rd. 7.45
Henry Ansell. Wellington Hall, Wellington-street, Islington.
Mile End. German Wesleyan Chapel, Commercial-road, E.
Victoria Park. Twig Folly Schools, Bonner-lane, Bethnal Green.

PROVINCIAL LODGES.

MONDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Mrs. Stowell's School-room, Albert-road. 7.30.
ALDERSHOT.—Ash Vale. Mrs. Cooksey's House, Commissariat Bridge. 7.30;
BLACKPOOL.—Gilding Star. Drill Hall Yorkshire-street.
BRIGHTON.—Royal Standard. Bennett-street Mission Hall. 8.15.
BRIGHTON.—Queen's Park. Bentham-road Mission Hall.
EPSOM.—Epsom Home Circle. High-street Town Mission Room.
LANCASTER.—County Palatine. Market Hall. Coffee House, Corn Market-street. 7.30.
SANDWICH.—Richboro' Castle. Templars' Hall, High-st. 7.30.
VENTNOR.—Undercliff. Temperance Hotel. 8.15
WOKING.—Maybury Sunbeam. Temperance Hotel.

TUESDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Sandford Model, St. Saviour's Sch., Farm-st. 7.45
BUCKINGHAM.—Buckingham. Temperance Hall, Well-st. 7.30.
CAMBRIDGE.—Loyal Standard. G. Miss. Hall, Victoria-st. 8.15.
CHELMSFORD. Chelmsford. Assembly Rms, Co-operative Stores'
FOOTS CRAY.—Busy Bees. National Schools, Church-road. 7.30
GREAT YARMOUTH.—Good Hope. Bethel, Rodney-road 7.45.
GUILDFORD.—Se-phen Percy. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
HASTINGS.—Saxon. Old Town Hall. High-st. 7.30.
HOLBECK (LEEDS).—Priestly United. Unitarian School.
HULL.—Paragon. Temper. Hall, St. John's-street 7.30.
LEICESTER.—Excelsior. Charles-street School-room. 7.30.
MANCHESTER.—Tower of Refuge. P. M. Sch., Upper Moss-lane, Hulme.
MANCHESTER.—Rev. C. Garrett. 26, Hewitt-st., Hightown. 7.45.
MANCHESTER.—Good Samaritan, Cong. Sch., Stockport-rd. 7.30.
PLYMOUTH.—Temple of Peace. Borough Arms. Bedford-st
RYDE (I.W.)—Ryde. Temperance Hall, High-street.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Saffron. Temperance Hall, Hill-st. 8.5.
SITTINGBOURNE.—Father Mathew. Crescent-st. School-rm. 7.30.
WORTHING.—Workman's Own. Temp. Institute, Ann-st.

WEDNESDAY.

BATH.—Cotterell Friends' Meeting House, York-street.
BRIGHTON.—Brighthelmstone, Belgrave-street School-room.
CHESTER.—Octagon. Temperance Hall, Frodsham-street.
EVERSLEY (Leicester).—Old Church. National School-room.
GODALMING.—Friends. Congregational School-room.
HULL.—Always Active. Lower Union-street Club-room.
NORMITON.—Hope of Normiton. Prim. Meth. Ch. Victoria-road.
SOUTHEND.—Nil Desperandum. British schools, High-street
ST. LEONARDS.—St. Leonards. Temperance Hall, Norman-road.
STONE.—Faith and Hope. Christ Church School-room. 7.30.
WEDNESBURY.—Peace, Temp. Meth School-rm., Len Brook.
WEYMOUTH.—Caxton. Temperance Hall, Park-street.
WISBECH.—Clarkson Lecture Room Public Hall.

THURSDAY.

BIRMINGHAM.—Severn-street. Severn-street.
BLACKPOOL.—Gleam of Hope Union Ch. Schl.-rm., Abingdon-st.
BOLTON.—Clarence. Barlor Arms C. Tav., Higher Bridge-st. 7.30.
GRAVESEND.—Star. Public Hall.
KINGSTON.—Kingston-upon-Hull G.T. Hall, St. John's-st. 7.30.
LEEDS.—Nil Desperandum. Wintoun-st. Sch.-rm. (off North-st.)
MANCHESTER.—City. Temp. Hall, Stanley-st., Port-st., Piccadilly
OLD BROMPTON.—Safeguard. I.O.G.T. Hall, High-street.
PORTSMOUTH.—Tompiars' Alliance. Sch.-rm., Victoria-st. 7.30.
RAMSGATE.—Song Harbour. Sailors' Bethel, Leopold-st. 7.30.
SHEFFIELD.—Pennington Friends' Schoolroom, Barkshead.
SPALDING.—Hand in Hand. Temperance Hall. 8.15.
STONEHOUSE (PLYMOUTH).—Mt. Edgcumbe, Sailors' Welcome.
ST. NEOTS.—Star of St. Neots. Wesleyan Day School.

FRIDAY.

ALDERSHOT.—Dhil Kushia. Forester's Hall, Victoria Rd. 7.30
KINGSTON.—Advance Guard. Lewes Rd., Congl. Schl. Rm., 8.16
BRISTOL.—Morning Star. Temperance Hall, Broad-street. 7.45.
DARNALL.—Hope of Darnall. Congregational School. 7.30.
GUILDFORD.—Guildford. Ward-street Hall. 8.15.
MANCHESTER.—L. R. Whitworth, 117, Grosvenor-st., All Saints. 7.45
MARGATE. Perseverance. Foresters Hall, Union-crescent. 7.30
NEW MALDEN.—Sure Refuge Band of Hope Union-rm., Kingston-rd. 7.30.
OXFORD.—City of Oxford. Temperance Hall, Pembroke-street.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Silent Dew. Friendly Societies Hall.
WEYMOUTH.—Hope of Weymouth. Temp. Hall, Park-st. 7.30

SATURDAY.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hope of Barrow. Temp. Hall, Greengate.
BIRMINGHAM.—Nil Desperandum. Richardson Schl.-rm., Farm-st.
GRAVESEND.—Satellite. Temp. Hall, Manor-road.
GUILFORD.—Rescue. Ward-street Hall. 7.30.
LEEDS.—St. George's Rosebud, Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Cavendish road.
MANCHESTER.—Cocollic et Labore. 5, Fountain-st., City. 7 p.m.
PLYMOUTH.—Ark of Love. Hope Chap. School-rm., Ebrington-st.
POPLEWAIN (Mon.).—Esmond. Trinity School-room.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.

JERSEY.—Sir H. Havelock. G. T. Hall. Union-st. Thursday

IRELAND.

DUBLIN.—St. Catherine's. Thomas Court. Tuesday.

SOUTH AMERICA.

MONTE VIDEO.—Southern Cross. 77, Calle de las Piedras Tues.
MONTE VIDEO.—Pioneer. Catte Guarani, No. 19. Wednesday.

AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE.—Hope of Carlton. Independent Church School-room, Rathdown-street (near Eliza-street), Carlton. Monday.

AUSTRALIA (SOUTH).

Grand Lodge of South Australia I.O.G.T
R. W. G. Lodge of the World.

Members of the Order emigrating to South Australia will please note the address of the G.W.S.—W. W. Winwood, I.O.G.T. Office Adelaide, S.A.

MILITARY AND NAVAL LODGES

ADEN, Arabia.—Hope of Aden, Steamer Point; Thursday, 7.
ALEXANDRIA.—Ut Prosim. Sailors' Home, Marina Wed. 7.
KAWAL PINDEE.—Excelsior. 2nd Royal Sussex Regiment. School-room, The Fort. Monday, 7. L. O., Corpl. A. Brown.
COLCHESTER.—Stronghold of Friendship. Inf. Sch., Camp. Wed.
CAIRO.—St. Andrew's. 1st Black Watch. Fencing Room, Abbassiyah Barracks. Thursday, 7. L.D., Sergt. G. Bedson.
H.M.S. SUPERB, ZANTE.—Rose of the East. Tues.
RAMLEH (Egypt).—Branch of Egypt's First. E. Palace. Tues. 7
RICHMOND (Yks.).—Howard's Greco, Workman's Hall, Thursday, 7.
SHELLAL (ASSOUAN).—Castle of Gibraltar. 1st. Batt. Dorset Regt.
SHOEBURYNESS.—Hope Mission-room, High-street. Monday.
MALTA.—Shropshire Onward Star. The Rest. Wed., 7 p.m.
NEWRY.—Homeward Bound, M 13. Infant School. Mon. 7.
WHITE AND BLUE.—Red. White and Blue. I.O.G.T. Hall. Sat. 7.
H.M.S. NELSON AUSTRALIA.—Red Cross. Saturday.

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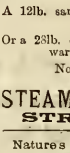

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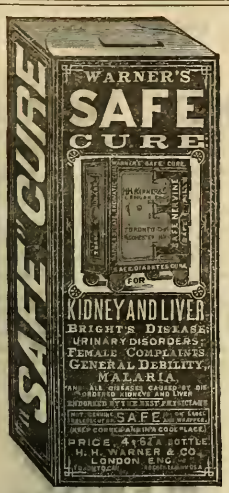

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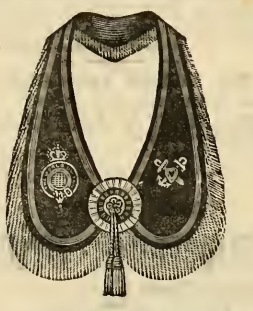

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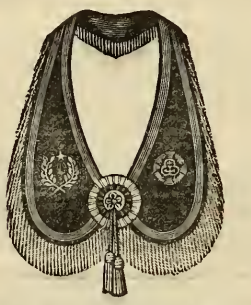

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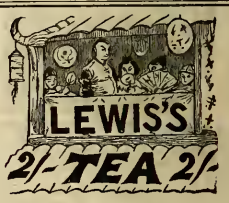

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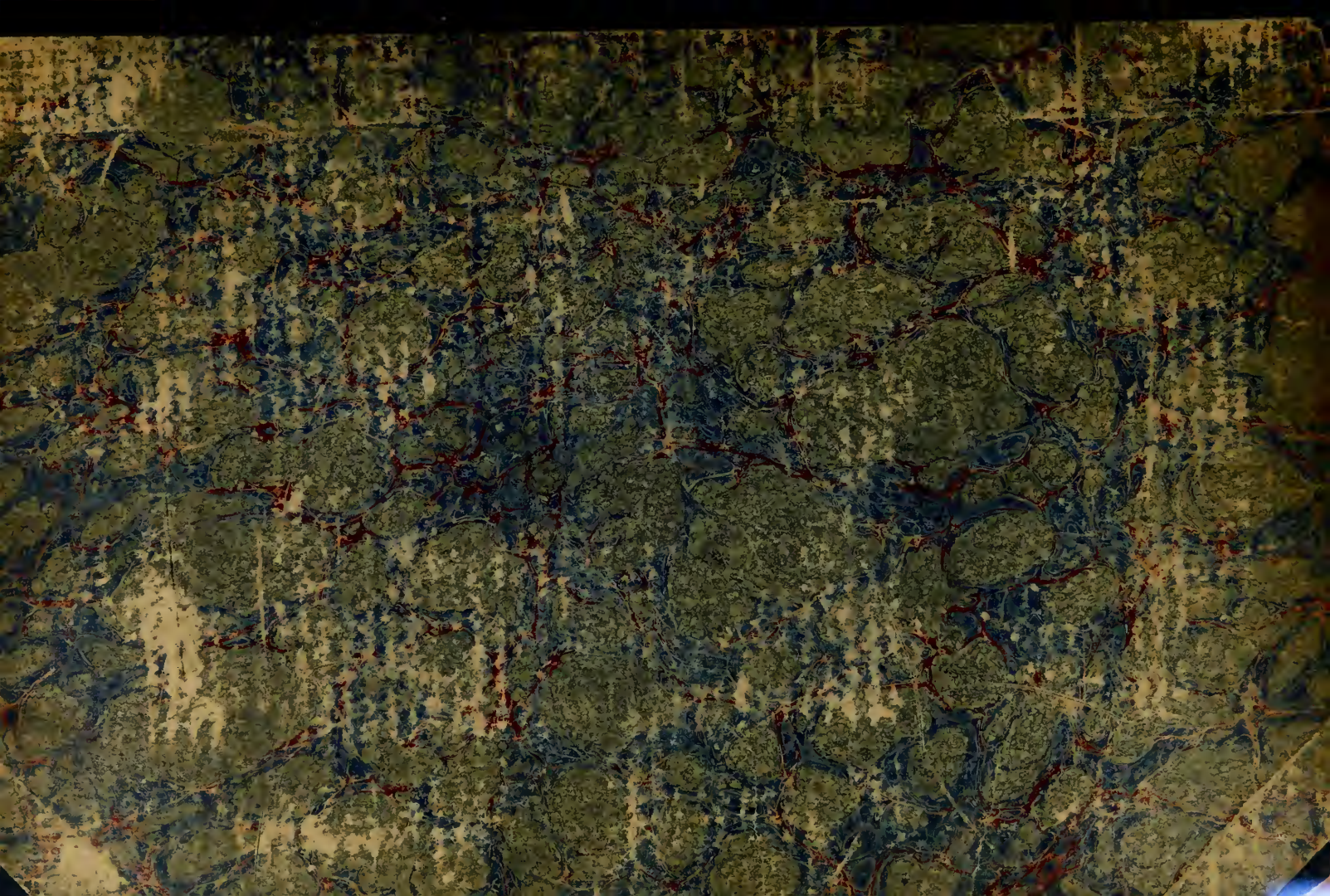
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